



# COLLEGE SET TO FILL SKILLS GAP

Report by Sue Austin

**OSWESTRY'S** North Shropshire College is gearing up to help fill a construction skills gap by increasing courses and apprenticeships, its interim principal has said.

The positive message from Peter McCann comes as a new report revealed a skills shortage in the construction industry was getting worse.

The latest research from the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) also warned Brexit could impact on the UK's already alarming shortage of skilled workers.

The FMB's latest State of Trade Survey, released last week, found almost half of construction firms are reporting difficulties hiring roofers and shortages of electricians and plasterers are at their highest point in four years. Brian Berry, chief executive of the FMB, said: "We've been experiencing a severe shortage of bricklayers and carpenters for quite some time - these latest statistics show that skills shortages are now seeping into other key trades such as roofers and plumbers.

## Worsening

"The Government needs to be taking note of the worsening construction skills shortage now that we know that the UK will be negotiating a hard Brexit. The Prime Minister must ensure that the immigration system that replaces the free movement of people serves key sectors such as construction and house building. Our sector relies heavily on skilled labour from the EU, with 12 per cent of the British construction workforce being of non-UK origin."

Mr McCann said North Shropshire College was already responding to the construction skills gap by increasing the number of courses and apprenticeships it offers. He said: "The country is embarking upon a major infrastructure programme including significant housing and transport development which provides great opportunities for skilled young people trained effectively in the construction industries. The college is increasing both full time and apprenticeship provision to respond to these opportunities. It is an industry where students have great opportunities to go on and eventually become self employed as long as they have developed the skills people need."

"The skills requirements of the industry are significant and can often require people to be multi skilled so that an electrician can plaster and paint for example on a small job rather than having three separate people. Maths and English skills are increasingly essential in all sectors."

Mr McCann added that any employer who wants to consider offering an apprenticeship or anybody who wants to consider an apprenticeship or full time skills training course should contact the business development manager Jo White at the college.



Apprentice Dale Evans picks up some tips from lecturer Dennis Mudzviti at North Shropshire College. Photo: John Sambrooks.

## Energy plans could 'trash landscape'

PROPOSALS which could see scores of wind turbines and solar panels built in Powys have been branded as "shocking" by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies.

Mr Davies said Powys County Council's local development plan is an invitation to every windfarm and solar farm developer in the world to come to the county to "trash" its landscape.

Mr Davies made the comments after the council's cabinet approved last-minute changes to the renewable energy policy section of its Local Development Plan, despite objections being raised by nearly 600 members of the public.

The new policy raises Powys's renewable energy target to 600 megawatts and designates large areas throughout Powys for wind development projects of up to 25 megawatts - the equivalent of 12 turbines for each site - and

solar development projects up to 50 megawatts, the equivalent of 250 acres of solar panels for each site.

Mr Davies said: "The local development plan that the council cabinet has approved is an invitation to every windfarm and solar farm developer in the world to come to Powys to trash our landscape."

"It lets the people of Powys down and is both shocking and desperately sad."

At last week's full council meeting, Councillor Tony Thomas, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said where possible he aimed for full consultation on the renewable policy but warned: "We can't delay anymore but we will do our best to endeavour to full consultation."

An independent examination to assess the soundness of the plan will continue with a

pre-hearing meeting next week. Welsh Government ministers have appointed Nicola Gulleys as planning inspector to conduct the independent examination to assess the soundness of the local development plan.

The pre-hearing meeting will take place on Tuesday at 11am at the Media Resource Centre in Llandrindod Wells.

The purpose of the pre-hearing meeting is to explain and discuss procedural and administrative matters relating to the management of the examination including the programme for the hearings, the matters to be examined and related questions. The contents and merits of the plan and the representations will not be discussed at this meeting.

The hearing sessions part of the examination will start on March 28 in Llandrindod Wells.

## COUNCIL

### Parking rules may end 17 years of trade for stallholder

ONE of the founders of a farmers' market which has been running for almost two decades says he may be forced to give up his stall after he was threatened with a parking ticket.

Jamie Ward has been parking his refrigerated van by his stall on the Bailey Head in Oswestry every fourth Friday of the month for 17 years. But last week he was told he had to move it - or get booked. A traffic warden approached the popular butcher on Friday morning asking him to move his vehicle. "I pointed out that it was also my fridge, which, for health and safety reasons, I have to have in order to keep the meat in good condition," Mr Ward said.

"Many of my customers were getting quite irate, supporting me, but I had no option than to move it."

Shropshire Council's investigation, compliance and intervention team manager Grant Tunnadine said: "The area is covered by a valid Traffic Regulation Order. Whilst this ensures the area is kept available for the market and ensures pedestrian safety, it does require the market traders to take account of the restrictions in place. Civil enforcement officers will include within their patrols of Oswestry an inspection of any vehicles within the market and assess on a case-by-case basis whether they are parked in accordance with the restrictions, and whether or not any exemption may apply."

## ENVIRONMENT

### Water quality is improving after leak

LIVING fish have been found in a river days after a chemical leak was discovered in the water.

Experts from the Environment Agency said the water in the River Morda near Oswestry is continuing to improve after chemicals were discovered.

A spokesman for the organisation said a fisheries survey in the River Morda found populations of trout, bullhead, minnow and lamprey in the river.

Some of the fish show signs of physical damage that would not normally be expected.

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# Changes made to counter 'perfect storm' of problems

Report by Sue Austin

**MOTHBALLED** beds will be re-opened and a major recruitment drive has been launched to combat a "perfect storm" at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Staff shortages saw the number of operations carried out at the hospital drop in December, affecting both its financial and operational targets.

At the end of December the hospital was £664,000 in deficit, £193,000 behind plan. Bosses said they had now got a grip on the problems and a range of measures were in place to ensure the hospital hits its targets by the end of the financial year.

A ward will also be re-opened in the next few weeks to help boost the hospital's occupancy figures, providing an initial eight extra beds. Frank Collins, chairman of the NHS trust that runs the hospital, said the next two months would be hard work.

"There is no doubt that we are facing the perfect storm," he said.

Problems hit the hospital in December when it failed to reach its targets for the number of planned operations.

Medical director Steve White said lack of staff and annual leave and sickness were the main reasons. He said the hospital had now recruited three new consultants and recruitment was continuing.

In an attempt to improve waiting list figures three spinal surgery "super lists" were arranged for patients with complicated spinal problems who had been waiting for a long time for their operation.

In a report to the trust board meeting deputy chief executive, John Grinnell said that surgery did not meet planned targets in December.

He said day case surgery was 67 patients fewer than had been planned and the number of outpatients was 1,275 rather than 1,451.

"We are planning to re-open Kenyon Ward in February with initially eight more beds," Mr Grinnell said.

Mr Collins said that all these factors combined meant that December had not been a good month for the hospital.

He said: "It was not our finest hour."

"However we now have a grip on the problems and it looks like January will be a better month."

"We now have two months before the end of the financial year to recover and ensure that we can remain on target."

## Hot food trolley at hospital is a cool idea



Chef Amanda Owens, Annabelle Simpson from the League of Friends and nurse Yazmin Korkmaz with one of the trolleys

**PATIENTS** at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital are enjoying piping hot meals at their bedside thanks to state-of-the-art food trolleys.

The hospital has invested £200,000 in the system, and was boosted by a generous contribution of £50,000 towards the cost from the hospital's League of Friends.

Food is now plated in the kitchens and then kept in perfect condition for eating, thanks to the temperature-controlled trolleys.

It replaces the old system, where food was wheeled to the wards and then plated one patient at a time, meaning patients at the tail end of the service inevitably would re-

ceive slightly cooler meals. Richard Fernandez, catering manager at the hospital, said: "We have historically had very good feedback for our food and we are proud of that."

"But we are always looking for ways we can do even better, and these trolleys are part of that. It used to take 30 minutes or more to serve a whole ward, and we did note the occasional comment that the meals were not as warm as the patient would have liked."

"These trolleys change all that. We now plate up the meals in the kitchen and load them into the new trolleys, which ensure they are kept at a constant temperature."

"We've had great feedback since we in-

troduced them, so it looks like money well spent."

"We'd especially like to thank our League of Friends for their terrific support. Their contribution made this affordable for us."

The most recent adult inpatient survey saw food at the hospital rated as the best in the NHS.

Victoria Sugden, manager of the League of Friends, said the group was delighted to be able to support such a worthwhile scheme.

"We know that eating a healthy, nutritious meal is beneficial to a patient's rehabilitation, so the quality of hospital food really matters," she said.

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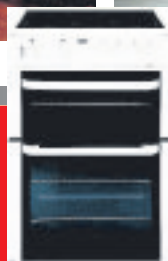
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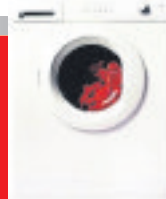


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## Campaigners offer help to baby units

CAMPAIGNERS have offered to work with health chiefs to encourage more pregnant women to use the county's midwife-led maternity units.

Shropshire Defend Our NHS, along with maternity unit campaign groups in Oswestry, Ludlow and Bridgnorth, approached Simon Wright, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust, about helping to spread the message about the advantages of women choosing to give birth at the units. Their ideas include assisting with community events and open days at the units to raise awareness and designing a poster.

The offer comes after temporary overnight closures caused by staffing issues affected Bridgnorth and Shrewsbury midwife-led units on Christmas Day, Oswestry's midwife led unit on December 29 and January 9 and Ludlow's midwife led unit on December 31 and January 5.

Mr Wright has said if the trust decides to get involved in such a campaign they will contact the groups and thanked them for their offer.

Shropshire Defend Our NHS officials have claimed Mr Wright has rejected their offer, but officials at the hospital trust have insisted no decisions have yet been made.

The trust has previously stated that the temporary closures of the MLUs were because of staffing issues, illness or high demand.

## Trump's travel ban is criticised

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has criticised Donald Trump's travel ban on Muslims and refugees – and said it was “certainly not” a policy he would ever expect a British government to adopt.

The MP described the move as not being either “sensible or credible”.

The US president has hit the headlines again after announcing plans to bar citizens from seven mainly Muslim countries along with all refugees from travelling to the States.

Those from Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen will be affected. A 90-day ban on entry to the US from the seven Muslim-majority nations has been imposed.

Mr Davies said: “The president's ban on refugees from some countries is not a sensible or credible policy. It is certainly not a policy I'd ever expect a British government to adopt.”

# Man died hours after twice hitting his head

Report by Lucy Todman

**A MAN who hit his head but left a hospital before receiving treatment died just hours later, an inquest heard.**

Guy Evans, 25, who had dwarfism, had been on a pub crawl with friends and had been at the Railway Inn at Penybontfawr when he fell and banged his head on October 8.



Guy Evans

Mr Evans, of Greenfields, St Martins, near Oswestry, and who was described by all who knew him as the “life and soul of the party”, was taken by ambulance to the Wrexham Maelor Hospital at about 8pm, but left before receiving any treatment. The inquest was told Mr Evans, known as “Sharkie”

due to his prowess on the pool table, returned to Oswestry by taxi where he resumed drinking.

At about 2am on October 9 he went to USA Fried Chicken takeaway in Willow Street but again fell and hit his head on the pavement. An ambulance was called and police also attended.

Constable Tim Rolls told the inquest at Shirehall, Shrewsbury, he had arrived to find Mr Evans unconscious lying on the ground. “He left the Wrexham Maelor Hospital and went to the Cross Keys in St Martins where he continued to drink,” he said.

Mr Evans then went back in to Oswestry to continue drinking. Mr Evans met a number of friends in a pub but said he was not feeling well and wanted to go home.

He then went to the takeaway where he fell and hit his head hard on the pavement. Friends alerted some police officers who were dealing with an incident nearby.

But Mr Evans's condition deteriorated and, once the ambulance arrived, paramedics had to give him CPR at the scene.

He was then taken to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where he died. The inquest was adjourned at the request of the family of Mr Evans to a date to be set so witnesses from Wrexham Maelor Hospital could attend to give evidence.

## Majestic deer enjoy the misty mornings



Visitors from near and far visit Powis Castle's grounds to see deer. Photo: John Sambrooks.

WILDLIFE watchers have been pleased to see thriving herds of majestic deer sheltering from frosts in the misty grounds of historic Powis Castle.

There have been deer at Powis Castle, near Welshpool, for more than 300 years.

The animals are free to roam around the spacious park in the castle's grounds and shelter under ancient trees.

Ruth Scutter, a publicist for the National Trust, said: “Red deer were introduced at Powis Castle near Welshpool, by Edward Herbert, 2nd Earl of Powis, in the 1840s

but no new stock was added until one stag was bought in 1947, after a particularly bad winter.

“About £4,000 worth venison was killed during World War One to feed the Herbert family and the military hospital at Walcot.

“In the 1960s the 5th countess, Ella Herbert (nee Rathbone) used to hand-feed a deer called Lila, who wore a red collar.

“Lila later had a calf named Delilah.

“Although red deer are no longer found wild in Montgomeryshire, they can still be seen as a pretty and photogenic park animal mixing with

fallow deer.” Red deer are the largest British deer, with mature stags standing almost 1.2 metres at the shoulder.

A big woodland stag will weigh up to 500lbs, making it the largest land mammal in Britain.

Fallow deer were first brought to Britain from the western Mediterranean during the Roman period.

Genetic analysis has shown that these Roman fallow deer went extinct in Britain following the collapse of the Roman Empire.

But in the 11th century they were reintroduced from the eastern Mediterranean.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Worries aired over A483 roadworks

ROADWORKS on one of the main routes linking Shropshire to North Wales will cause “chaos”, it has been warned.

The North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency has proposed a series of resurfacing works to take place on the A483, with a planned start date in early February.

But Councillor David Bithell, lead member for environment and transport for Wrexham County Borough Council, has claimed not enough warning has been given for the work, which he expects will cause disruption to commuters, businesses and local residents.

He has written to Ken Skates AM, Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, to call a halt to the work to allow more time for planning.

### Town clerk tells of lift rescue drama

A TOWN clerk had to be treated by paramedics after he was stuck in a crowded lift for almost an hour with temperatures reaching 100C.

David Preston, clerk of Oswestry Town Council, was at Birmingham's Council House attending an evening meeting. He said following the meeting on Wednesday last week he and five others got into the lift but it jammed. Mr Preston said the temperature went over 100C with no lift vents, a second distress call was made to the emergency services.

“The fire brigade had to pop the doors,” he said. “The night ended sitting in an ambulance in Victoria Square as the oxygen level in my blood was low.”

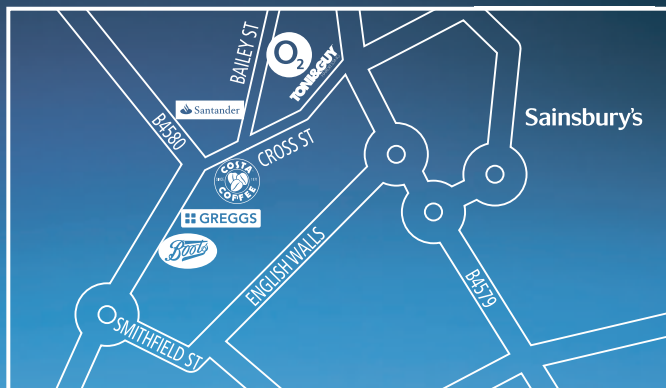
### Cars near station hit by vandals

TWO cars were vandalised within 50 metres of a police station and another one targeted further along the road, officers have said.

Dyfed-Powys Police say they are investigating after two cars parked on Howell Drive, near to Welshpool Police Station had their windows smashed sometime on the night of January 21.

They also confirmed another vehicle was damaged at the nearby railway station. The glovebox had been searched but nothing was taken.

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David Callaway

# Teen sent to custody after drugs raid

A TEENAGER has been sent to custody after police raided a house finding bags of class A drugs covered in his fingerprints.

David Callaway was seen running away from a house as police conducted a raid on the property.

During the search in August last year, police found 96 bags of heroin and 142 bags of cocaine wrapped in a towel in the bathroom of the property.

Both class A drugs, the heroin was believed to have a street value of £960 with the cocaine valued at £1,420.

The 19-year-old admitted two charges of possessing a class A drug with intent to supply, relating to the heroin and the cocaine.

Prosecuting, Samantha Powis told the court that the "packages bore the defendant's fingerprints".

Another man, who was seen fleeing from the house in Oswestry with Callaway, and the tenant, were both questioned at the time of the raid but their charges were dropped.

Callaway, of Goschen Street, Everton, Liverpool, was ordered to serve three years in a young offenders institution.

Reginald Mills, for Callaway said: "This young man's circumstances

are depressing and perhaps depressingly familiar.

"He was not an academic young man, he is still only 19.

"Performing poorly he left school with only basic maths and English.

"He ended up with the wrong social group at school, who introduced him to cannabis and his use became gradually more regular until he developed a habit."

# Hillfort seminar will focus on wildlife and heritage

Report by Naomi Penrose

HERITAGE, wildlife and ecology experts will explore the importance of a 3,000-year-old hillfort as a "living monument" at an upcoming seminar.

From Celtic settlers to present day fauna and flora, the day-long event will reveal how Old Oswestry hillfort and its landscape have sustained communities and wildlife habitat through the ages.

Speakers will also discuss how 21st century conservation efforts are helping to safeguard the archaeological and environmental value of the site, dubbed the 'Stonehenge of the Iron Age'.

## Certificates battle won

A SECRETARY of a rifle club who had his firearms certificates revoked for inflammatory and racist postings on Facebook has won them back on appeal.

Carl Roberts had lost his certificates after sharing offensive posts on the social media site more than two years ago.

But Judge Rhys Rowlands granted his appeal at Mold Crown Court – although he made clear to Mr Roberts that collectively the court found that some of the postings were racist and extremely offensive.

The 55-year-old, of Walden Crescent in Chirk, had held the certificates without incident for 30 years and was secretary of a rifle club in Ruabon, the court was told.

His barrister Nick Doherty said his client had learned his lesson but stressed there was no connection between some of the items he had liked or shared on his Facebook page and his fitness to hold certificates allowing him to shoot.

the Iron Age'.

Old Oswestry Past and Future: Landscape, Community and Heritage runs from 10am to 4.30pm at Oswestry Memorial Hall on February 11.

Among the experts will be archaeologist and hillfort specialist Erin Lloyd Jones, Sarah Gibson of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, heritage specialist Carole Ryan-Ridout, ecological consultant Clare Knight and Clive Whitbourn of the National Trust.

Archaeologist and illustrator, John Swogger, will talk about the use of comics to facilitate public engagement in heritage based on his widely praised project, Oswestry Heritage Comics. Hillfort herbs are the subject of qualified herbalist Louise Idoux's presentation.

As Shropshire begins a review of its local plan, Dr George Nash will examine issues of neighbourhood planning and the importance of striking the right balance between the natural environment and built development. Organised by the HOOOH Community Group, the seminar, now in its third year, is part of a weekend of hillfort celebrations including the hillfort hug on February 12. The seminar is free to attend. Those interested in attending can pre-register at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/old-oswestry-seminar-2017-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/old-oswestry-seminar-2017-tickets)

## Vandalism at shop captured



Oswestry's CCTV system captured the vandalism attack in the town centre

CCTV cameras have caught footage of an act of "mindless vandalism" which saw a young man launching himself at the door of a charity shop.

The incident was caught by Oswestry's CCTV system and shows the man running at the British Heart Foundation shop in Cross Street.

Jim Stafford, Oswestry CCTV coordinator, said: "This was just mindless vandalism. Why would anyone want to do this? Particularly as it's a charity shop.

"The staff couldn't get into the shop when they arrived the next day and it inter-

rupted their fundraising. We'd like to speak to anyone who might have seen anything, particularly the young men who seemed to be with the vandal. They didn't take part in the vandalism and they might be able to help us." The footage shows four young men near the front of the shop. Three of the men stand around and then walk off, but the fourth runs at the door of the shop four times before running off down Cross Street.

All four were dressed in dark clothes. It happened on January 22 shortly after 4am.

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# Polluted river's recovery 'could take many years'

Report by Sue Austin

**IT could be years before wildlife on a river polluted by a chemical spill recovers.**

Shropshire Wildlife Trust says otters, kingfishers and dragonflies have been hard hit by the chemical leak which killed thousands of fish in the Morda Brook on the edge of Oswestry.

An investigation into the cause of the chemical leak on January 19 could last months the Environment Agency has said.

But Shropshire Wildlife Trust said that the damage to the brook's ecosystem will much longer. Pete Lambert, the trust's river project manager, said: "After the devastating pollution incident on the Morda Brook its waters are flowing clear again. It could however, be years before the brook's wildlife recovers."

## Closure plan for sites set to be binned

PLANS to close two of Powys's household waste recycling centres will be shelved for a year if a recommendation to the council's cabinet is approved next week.

The cabinet had been considering plans to close two of the county's five household waste recycling centres in a bid to reduce spending by £700,000 and carried out public consultation.

Campaigners feared Welshpool's recycling site would be lost in the shake-up. However, cabinet member for waste and recycling Councillor John Powell said: "We set out a range of options to reduce the service's budget to meet demands set out in the council's medium term financial plan. Those options included closing one or two of the five household waste recycling centres in the county, reducing opening days, charging for certain materials, restricting commercial type-vehicles or a combination of the proposals."

"The public have made their views very clear and I am recommending that we shelve plans to close centres for at least 12 months."

"However, savings have to be made and I will be recommending that we reduce the number of days the centres open as an alternative to outright closure."

Welshpool Councillor Graham Breeze, who called a public meeting when the possible closures were revealed, said: "This is welcome news for the people of not just Welshpool but the whole of Powys."

## Brochure lists attractions



Oswestry Borderland Tourism Ltd directors Pam Johnson, left, and Val Schofield with her dog Bailey with the new brochure

IN the days of the internet and social media a tourism association has bucked the trend by printing more brochures than ever before.

The Oswestry Borderland Tourism Association was delighted by the response to its 2016 publication, which was so popular there were soon empty spaces on tourist information stands and shelves across the UK.

It has ensured hundreds more copies have been printed this year to keep up with demand.

The brochure, Oswestry: Where Shropshire Meets Wales, was launched at a special evening reception by Oswestry Borderland, a group of tourism providers in the area. It gives visitors and local people alike

a taste of what to see, do and where to stay.

This year's front page pictures Oswestry Hillfort which, the association says, is a perfect example of what the area has to offer.

Spokeswoman, Lee Lucks, said: "What makes Oswestry and the Borderlands such a special place to visit? Well, take a spectacular, dramatic and mysterious, 3,000-year-old hill fort, scatter a few castles around and sprinkle in canals, meres and mosses."

"Add the World Heritage Site of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and you will begin to get that distinctive border feeling."

"Oswestry itself is a thriving border market town that has a lively cafe culture and the bustling markets combine with an eclectic mix of small shops to entice visitors from miles around."

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## BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

Why are the headlines all about road closures these days? Is it really necessary for so much disruption when improvements are being made? Or is it health and safety gone mad?

This week much-needed improvement work to the Gledrid roundabout near Oswestry started with warnings of overnight closures meaning huge disruption and long diversions on one of the country's busiest roads – regardless of whether day or night. On the Powys/Shropshire border the Welshpool to Shrewsbury road is closed overnight to allow resurfacing work, while other roads in Powys are being badly affected by teams using guided convoy systems to get drivers through. While the improvements are to be applauded it is really essential to close roads? What was wrong with the old system of working on one side of the carriageway at a time and allowing motorists through via traffic lights or stop and go signs? It is so frustrating for everyone involved and while it's appreciated that safety is of paramount importance I can't help feeling it has all been caused by an over-zealous health and safety whizz kid determined to cause as much disruption as possible.

In Welshpool residents are bracing themselves for possible gridlock as news breaks of a closure of Mill Lane this month to allow main-services connections to the new Aldi and B&M stores.

No-one has forgotten the chaos when this street closed six years ago on the very day the controversial one-way system was introduced. Traffic stacked up in all directions with the town centre choked at The Cross traffic lights and it could all happen again.

Let's all pray that the planned emergency closure of Buttington Railway Crossing to allow repair work to take place doesn't coincide with the Mill Lane work. Imagine that!

I'm still pressing hard at Powys County Council for planned closures of household waste recycling centres to be shelved.

This is one cost-saving exercise too far for me and for just about everyone in the whole county. The impact caused by closure of the Welshpool centre would be enormous.

I visited the site on Sunday, along with hundreds of others, and was gripped by the thought of just where all these people would go if the site shuts. Not to Newtown that's for sure.

Fly-tipping is already on the rise at a disturbing level.

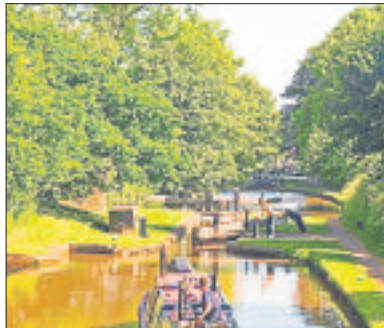
I'm confident council bosses will see sense, after all there is an election on the horizon and for many councillors seeking to regain a seat at County Hall this is a really hot topic. I am hoping for a positive result when the council's cabinet looks again at the issue next week.



Derek Kellet, team leader from the Canal and River Trust, looking over one of the lock gates



A restoration and repair open day – people have the chance to take a closer look at these events



A canal boat negotiates the Shropshire Union Canal in Audlem, one of the trust's many sites

# Why the work is never over for waterway teams

**Winter work on the canals is in full flow ready for the 2017 season to start. JAMES PUGH reports**

**AT first glance, people might think canals are quiet at this time of year.**

But if you look in the right place, you could be in for a surprise.

As most people try and keep warm indoors, a team of engineers and specialists from the Canal & River Trust are busy carrying out vital repairs to the nation's 200-year-old canal network, including in Shropshire.

Their work environment is not for the faint-hearted. Often their day job means dealing with oceans of mud, freezing temperatures, driving rain and even snow to replace lock gates, rebuild embankments and grout damaged lock chamber masonry.

The charity has the endless task of caring for a complex, imperfect, beautiful heritage waterway network that's just as important today as in the Industrial Revolution when much of it was constructed.

Nearly half the population of England and Wales lives within five miles of a canal and last year 380 million visits were made to the trust's waterways.

There are now 32,000 boats licensed to use the network – more than in the canals' industrial heyday.

The nation's canals have also reinvented themselves as havens for leisure and wildlife.

The scale of the challenge of keeping them in tip-top condition is enormous.

The Canal & River Trust is the guardian of more than 2,000 miles of waterways in England and Wales. It's the third largest owner of listed structures after the Church of England and the National Trust, with 2,980 bridges, 336 aqueducts,



**It may be winter but work continues all year round on our waterways**

1,583 locks, 55 tunnels and 73 reservoirs in its care.

The trust's director of asset management, Julie Sharman, said: "This winter we are spending £43 million in carrying out essential repairs to the waterway network. We try very hard to minimise the inconvenience to boaters which is why we do all our large planned work projects during the winter months."

"All our waterway structures are regularly inspected and any which are identified as in need of some extra TLC are then prioritised for remedial action according to how urgent the job is."

"It is a never-ending juggling act and an important side of our work which usually goes unseen by the public."

This winter the trust is carrying out maintenance work along the Shropshire Union Canal at Audlem Flight

and at Adderley Locks 1 and 3 and Wheaton Aston Lock.

It is also carrying out work at Beeston Locks, from January 30 to February 10, and at Lock 14, Bunbury Lower Lock, from February 8 to 14.

Over the last four years, the Canal & River Trust has taken the unusual decision to open up some of the most interesting of its winter projects to visitors and escort them onto building sites and down into empty lock chambers.

This winter it is hosting 12 free open days across the country.

The trust says each open day provides the opportunity for local communities to learn about the history and heritage of their area from one of the charity's experienced heritage advisers, engineers or another specialist.

Entrepreneurial canal engineers, like Thomas Telford, William Jessop

and John Rennie, responded to business challenges posed by 18th and 19th century industrialists and came up with solutions for transporting goods long distances over difficult terrain.

Deep channels, lock systems, tunnels and bridges were created without any of the modern methods of surveying, mechanisation or construction we enjoy today.

Huge armies of canal navigators, or navvies as they became known, literally dug for Britain to create the new canal network – the motorways of their day.

Civil engineer Clive Mitchell, who manages one of the trust's project management teams, says he enjoys the challenge of marrying 21st century repair solutions with this heritage environment. "Where possible we do try to carry out 'like-for-like' repairs using the original materials but sometimes there are reasons to look for an alternative," he said. "For example, recent developments in polyurethane resin grouting allows us to target leakage paths in locks and embankments specifically to avoid a much more intrusive traditional repair."

"And it's not only natural disasters we have to deal with. We invest a huge amount of time and effort in encouraging and protecting wildlife on our canals. We are actually responsible for 63 Sites of Special Scientific Interest."

However, those protected species do also add to the challenge of maintaining the canal network. It only takes a few over-enthusiastic badgers burrowing through sandy soil to cause a canal breach or a colony of bats roosting to hold up a bridge restoration project.

Mr Mitchell added: "Maintaining and repairing our unique canal heritage, built by some of the great engineers is a real privilege. It's interesting because those engineers faced many of the same challenges we do today, and occasionally did make mistakes."

To find out more about the open days visit [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/open-days](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/open-days)

## WORKING FOR YOU



Yet again, the future of the A&E services in Shropshire and Mid Wales is the dominating issue for me this week.

It's now sinking in that we are coming up against a wall of locally inspired delays.

When we find NHS England stop listening to the years of squabbling, the fault will lie in Shropshire.

We have known for years that our A&E services are not sustainable without reform.

Over the last few months we were hopeful that, at long last, we were making progress.

The commissioners of emergency care to serve Shropshire and Mid Wales had established a body to research and recommend the best way forward.

After nearly three years and at a cost of £2 million, the Future Fit Programme Board made its proposals.

There was real hope.

Then just before Christmas some of those who commissioned the work refused to accept it, throwing the future of A&E services in Shropshire and Mid Wales into turmoil.

The immediate challenge now is to assess what is going to happen (not what we might want to happen) and prepare for it.

It seems inevitable that at some stage the A&E service in Shropshire will be judged to be 'clinically unsafe'.

In the past (pre the Mid Staffs NHS scandal) it might have been allowed to 'muddle through'.

Not anymore.

The Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust management will have to act.

The probability is that the A&E at Princess Royal Hospital will be closed overnight, with everyone being diverted to Shrewsbury.

It would be easy to think that by 'stopping change' and controlling the public debate, the status quo can be maintained – that we can carry on with two A&Es in Shropshire.

There will be some who may think that by frustrating reform and not allowing the Future Fit proposals to go forward is a success.

It very definitely is not.

There are many who see the debate as being a sort of stand-off between Shrewsbury and Telford.

It most certainly is not.

It's all about delivering the best clinical care to the people of Shropshire and Mid Wales.

The cost of doing nothing will be severe.

It will make it even more difficult to attract consultants to Shropshire; it will mean more services migrating out of Shropshire altogether, and it will mean the rejection of a better delivery of care.

That's why I and many others feel a sense of despair.

Glyn Davies  
Montgomeryshire MP

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**Q:** I have been temping through an agency since finishing Uni last summer. In the run-up to Christmas the firm I was working at was super busy and I put in a lot of extra hours in the last week. When I asked the manager to sign my timesheet, however, he refused. He said it shouldn't and couldn't have taken me as long as I made out it had to do the job and that I was late starting. As a result of this the agency withheld payment of my wages completely. Can they legally do this?

**A:** On the facts provided, the agency's failure to pay wages is a breach of the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business Regulations 2003. You are entitled to payment for the hours claimed and as your contract is with the agency, not the end client, the agency is responsible for making payment to you.

If there is a dispute regarding the hours worked the agency should investigate to ensure that the hours have been properly worked but this in itself is not a lawful ground for them to withhold payment from you. The agency could check the hours worked by speaking to other workers for example or requesting work records from the end client.

As to the allegation that you were late starting, the agency is still legally bound to pay you for the hours worked and cannot penalise you by withholding payment or paying a lower rate. The allegation could potentially lead to disciplinary action against you however and you may benefit from dropping into one of our free clinics and having a more in depth discussion with one of our employment law specialists, see details below.

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# Feminism about empowering your sex

BEING a feminist, for me, is about being proud of your sex.

Saying you're a feminist is like saying, hey, I'm proud to be a woman.

You're saying that you're different to men, yet you understand that you're not at a disadvantage. It's still an annoyingly unpopular thing to say. FEMINIST! The word hisses at you and sounds almost evil, but believe me, it's really not.

When you say the word feminist, your Pavlovian response is probably: oh, not any more of that man-hating lesbian rubbish! Seriously, that's the currently normal response, so it's fine if you think that, but let

me tell you that that is not what feminism is about. Feminism is about empowering your sex and celebrating it; not just that men and women should be treated equally. I believe men and women don't seem proud to be women and women don't seem proud to be men and embrace their sexuality.

Embracing your sexuality may be growing your armpit hair out in protest or walking down the street in four inch heels with your skirt right up to your crotch; or it may be none of these things, but just being happy and confident with yourself. If you're a man and you've continued reading until

this point, I commend your bravery for not just reading the title and giving up, and I thank you for redefining the conventions of masculinity by showing sensitivity towards this issue.

To have the pride to say you're a woman and be in control of your sexuality is what it means to be a feminist. Likewise, to have the pride to say you're a man and be in control of your sexuality is also what it means to be a feminist. Feminism is acceptance. As soon as you embrace your sex, you can call yourself a feminist.

**HERMIONE BYRON**  
Bomere Heath

# Calls to merge our councils are without any real merit

I VIEW Daniel Kawczynski's latest headline-grabbing suggestion that T&W and Shropshire Council should join to form a single unitary council as quite without merit.

The concept of "consolidation" and "centralisation" only serves to move democratic accountability further away from the people who pay his wages, and any claim that such a merger would bring the mooted administrative savings are speculative "pie in the sky".

I well remember when Shropshire's district councils were scrapped to form a single unitary authority. We were cynically led to believe that we would save millions of pounds to improve all the services that then existed, but are now cut to the bone or lost altogether.

The sad fact is that any projected savings were eaten up by enhanced redundancy payments. I would love to know if there were any meaningful net savings. The plain fact is that Shropshire and T&W are both grossly under-funded in every respect by central government, and instead of engaging in a "civil war" with T&W, Mr Kawczynski would make better use of his time and position if he "merged" with his fellow local Conservative MPs to form an effective lobby to his Conservative government to demand fit and proper budgetary settlements to rescue both our ailing NHS trusts and our critically under-resourced social services.

**A J WILLETT'S**  
Craven Arms

# System suits establishment

OUR well-established voting system set up for general elections is where the person with the highest amount of votes (that is the majority) is accepted as the winner and takes his or her seat in Parliament.

This type of voting suits the establishment down to the ground and they wholeheartedly accept the majority vote as the winner.

This suits the old type of three party system which the establishment can control, and all minor parties that may have collected a very large percentage of the votes cast but end up with no Parliamentary representation and so they cannot muddy the water.

But as soon as a majority vote as per the referendum opposes what they believe in then the majority vote is declared invalid for several reasons, but they will accept a majority vote in Parliament because this is where they have control under the three party system, i.e. Conservative, Labour and Liberal. I do not think for one minute that Ukip would be all straight players, there are rotten apples in every barrel, but I would love to see the look on the establishment's faces if ever this came about, and not before time, it needs just one election to upset the establishment's status quo and thus show to the people that it is well worth going to vote.

**MR K BEDDIS**  
Yockleton

# Photo shows time when town had hospital



Thank you to Nigel Walters of Oswestry for emailing in this photo. He tells us: "This photo shows Oswestry's Hospital in Upper Brook Street. It was pulled down to make way for a housing development in the 1980s."

# Other channels give a different view from BBC

SKY News carried a report from Yemen on the onslaught being perpetrated by the Western alliance.

This is being spearheaded by Saudi Arabia using weaponry supplied by the UK, including cluster bombs and cruise missiles. Proof of this was provided by outer casings carrying UK manufacturers' nameplates. Cluster bombs were banned by the UN six years ago. Yet another case of UK hypocrisy.

Whilst Sky News has the freedom to report from Yemen it seems that the BBC does not, as I have yet to see any report on this conflict on the BBC. Conversely we get daily reports of atrocities allegedly committed by the Syrian Army in Aleppo, but never a mention of atrocities committed by the terrorist groups. BBC News has become more and more a government propaganda service.

This was shown by its totally one-sided anti-Brexit stance and its ongoing 'Russia is the evil empire' nonsense.

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# Church photo mystery solved

YOU recently published a photo of a church in Oswestry asking where it was.

It was in fact the Wesleyan Chapel at the corner of King Street and Beatrice Street, where the Morrison's filling station is now. I believe the chapel was demolished in 1967. Across the road, where the Simla Restaurant is was the gentleman's department of the Co-op. The main Co-op was on the other side of Beatrice Street, now Holywells.

**RITA MOIR**  
(Address supplied)

# Friends group will come to an end under changes

IT is with great sadness that I am notifying all our fantastic supporters that in our 50th year, the Friends of the Derwen as an organisation will be coming to an end.

In the last six years alone we have raised in excess of £260,000 which has been used solely for the benefit of the students, trainees and the college, a staggering achievement. This has only been possible due to the generosity of the public who have supported us and the hard work of the committee, the college staff and our volunteer helpers. We all wish the Derwen College every success in the future. The fundraising activities that we undertook, such as the walk and the fete will now be dealt with and organised 'in house' as part of Derwen Charities. This will enable the college to have total control of future events and will allow them to link all fundraising activities under one umbrella. They believe that, in the long run, this should be of benefit to the college. Thank you to everyone who has given their support over the past 50 years.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Improvements at village cemetery

IMPROVEMENT works to a village cemetery are set to take place. The works at Trefarclawdd Cemetery in Trefonen near Oswestry involves grass in between graves being removed and replaced with slate chippings. The improvements were agreed by councillors at the latest meeting of Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

Councillor Robert Milton, chair of the council, said: "When Trefarclawdd Cemetery was opened it was designed as a lawn cemetery to avoid the problems which have arisen with the maintenance of the older Trefonen Cross Cemetery. I am sure residents will agree the Trefarclawdd Cemetery is maintained to a very high standard, but it is considered a lawn cemetery approach to the cremated remains area does not provide the best setting. It is proposed to remove the grass in-between graves and replace with slate chippings."

He said the work will require some interference with grave plaques, which will be removed during the work, the council has written to the families concerned.

Fellowship group set to meet up

THE Oswestry Group of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday.

This will be held at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry, starting at 11am and followed by lunch at noon. The speaker will be Hilary Harness talking about physiotherapy. The fellowship is a local group for government and other pensioners who are welcome to attend the meetings, which are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry, starting at 10.30am after coffee. There is an annual subscription for those pensioners who are not members of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship which is £10.

Contact Ruth Haile on (01691) 650993.

# Town has low burglary rate, new report reveals

Report by Sue Austin

**OSWESTRY is one of the safest places to live in the UK when it comes to burglaries, a new survey says.**

In a survey of more than 1.8million home insurance files the Oswestry postcode, SY11, saw just 1.3 claims per 1,000 home insurance policy last year – the fourth lowest figure.

The worst areas for burglaries were in London with three areas having more than 50 claims.

The MoneySuperMarket data reveals that laptops, jewellery and bicycles are among the top possessions stolen by thieves and the value for insurance for them has grown in the last 12 months as people invest in the latest gadgets.

The vigilant nature of residents in Oswestry was praised for helping to keep the town its good record.

Monkseaton in North Tyneside and Bidford in Devon share the lowest rate of burglary claims, 0.9, Newry in Northern Ireland 1.1 then Oswestry and six other areas share joint fourth spot with 1.3.

Andy Neeves, Police Community Support Officer for Oswestry, said members of the public in and around the town were vigilant and contacted police is they saw people or vehicles in their streets acting suspiciously. "Residents get to know their neighbours' cars and will report unusual vehicles," he said.

He said the area had a number of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers but said more were needed to help keep the town even safer.

"We would like to see more Neighbourhood Watch scheme set up. "We can provide advice and information and signage for those interested in Neighbourhood Watch."

Expansion at growing telecoms firm



Ben Ridgeway and Robin Talbot from Oswestry-based telecoms firm Ocean Telecom

TELECOMS firm Ocean Telecom has expanded with the addition of a support team for its business customers.

The multi-disciplinary team has been set up as part of a restructure to streamline the customer experience and reflects Ocean Telecom's commitment to investing in service and support for its 200 plus business clients.

The firm, a leading provider of business mobile, landline, broadband, IT and hosting, already provide support for some of the region's largest organisations, including Hawk Group and Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The team will be led by Robin Talbot, with support from Ben Ridgeway, Darren Lavender, Ash Darrell and Arabella Rose, who are all based

in Ocean Telecom's Oswestry-based office. Robin Talbot, lead technical support, said: "Our new support team brings together the skills and knowledge from all areas of our business and will enable us to resolve any telecommunications or IT difficulties our customers are experiencing. Our aim is always to get our customers back up-and-running within an hour."

# Hall's new lodges could lead to 10 further jobs

UP to 10 jobs could be created as part of a popular venue's expansion plans, bosses have revealed.

Henlle Hall, which has holiday cottages and holiday lodges to let in Gobowen, near Oswestry, is currently building two new lodges as part of its expansion plans.

Keeta Thomas, business manager at Henlle Hall, said the firm was looking to employ four part-time members of staff and one full-time staff member to join their housekeeping team in the coming months.

And she added that hopes are that total would be up to 10 by the end of the year.

Ms Thomas said: "It's an extremely exciting time for us here.

"We've got our new lodges, which will be ready for guests by the spring, and with the demand for holidaying in our cottages and lodges increasing we intend to provide vacancies for 10 more jobs this year.

"It's great to see people coming here to stay and not going much further than a five to 10-mile radius on their days out because they're that impressed by what the local area has to offer, and how beautiful it is."

The firm is also celebrating after scooping an award for its standard of customer care. Ms Thomas said: "We've also recently won a Hosesons award for the third year running for exceptional quality and outstanding customer care, so it's definitely been a good start to the year for us."

The award from Hosesons follows an award in the Shropshire Business Awards for the firm in 2015 in the travel, tourism and hospitality category.

The firm currently employs four full-time members of staff and 17 part time.

Ms Thomas said the new jobs would include a number of roles such as housekeeping and gardening.

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## Locally made cider ready for release

IT has taken three weeks, pressing 20 tonnes of apples and a neighbour helped, but a Shropshire cider is ready for release early – thanks to the mild winter.

Oswestry's Stonehouse Brewery will release its Sweeney Mountain Cider early this year and it is hoping there will be enough of it to meet demand. Last year's entire production sold out within 10 weeks, so the brewery pressed five times as many apples in the autumn to allow it to maintain supply.

Shane Parr, the brewer from Stonehouse Brewery, said: "The mild winter has meant that our cider has matured a lot quicker than normal. It tastes beautiful now, so it's ready to go."

"The team spent three weeks pressing over 20 tonnes of apples and we even had help from our next door neighbour."

"It was great that it was so popular last year, but we'd prefer to maintain supply and I'm confident that we've made enough."

The business was set up by Shane and Alison Parr, with help from Iain and Anne Reid, Alison's parents, and Innes Reid, Alison's brother.

## Time to listen at village's library

A CALL has gone out to adults who enjoy cowboy films and Western stories.

They are being invited to attend Gobowen Central Library's next Time to Listen session.

It will be held on Tuesday from 10am to 11am.

There will be wild west stories read out aloud.

The event is free.

# Arthur rides again as Squeaky makes a visit

Report by Sue Austin

## A YOUNG hospital patient had an unlikely visitor in the form of Squeaky the Shetland pony.

Two-year-old Arthur Lake, from Rhydycroesau, near Oswestry, is an inpatient at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital after suffering a brain injury which limits his mobility.

He used to ride Squeaky every day before his accident and his physiotherapists and nurses at the hospital thought riding his pony again could aid his recovery.

Suzanne Marsden, Alice ward manager, said: "We're trying to bring back some normality to his life to help him recover. We're hoping that the stimulation of being on his horse again will help. It might be a trigger."

"We have therapy dogs so we thought, why not? It's an extension of his rehabilitation. For our children you have to go with each of their needs and change tack depending on what they need."

Physiotherapists Claire Eveson and Ffion Evans came up with the idea.

"It's lovely for us to bring the pony in to help Arthur key into his memories of riding before his injury," Claire said.

Arthur's mother Lisa Lake was over the moon about taking Squeaky the pony to the hospital for her son to ride again.

She said: "Arthur was riding Squeaky the morning before his accident. I thought it was a joke when I first had the conversation with staff about bringing him in."

"We'd been simulating riding with inflatable balls when they asked 'when's Squeaky coming'. I would be surprised if it was any other hospital, but with the level of care Arthur has had here nothing would surprise me. It's been so fantastic."



Physiotherapist Claire Eveson, young Arthur, physiotherapist Ffion Evans, mum Lisa and Squeaky

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Bus routes altered because of works

BUS journeys have been re-routed because of long delays caused by temporary roadworks in Oswestry.

The temporary traffic lights at the junction of Salop Road and Victoria Road in Oswestry, which have been put up as part of infrastructure work in preparation for the opening of a Lidl supermarket, have caused long tailbacks.

Drivers heading into town have been particularly badly affected, and officials at bus company Tanat Valley said it became impossible to continue to run the town centre service as it was timetable.

It has re-routed the service, leaving some people not able to catch the bus at their local stop and others having to get used to different arrival times.

Nick Cullford, operations manager at Tanat Valley, said: "The town service runs on a 30 minute cycle and we give ourselves a five minute leeway for hold-ups. But the drivers have been waiting in queues to get through the roadworks for up to 20 minutes."

### RNLI branch to hold annual quiz

THE committee of the Oswestry branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is to hold its annual quiz later this month.

The quiz will take place at the Wynnstey Hotel in Church Street in Oswestry.

The event take place on February 16.

Doors open at 7pm and the quiz is scheduled to start promptly at 7.30pm.

A RNLI quiz entry form can be obtained from Kevin Thomas, organisers have said.

Mr Thomas can be contacted on (01691) 663441 or by fax on (01691) 670074.



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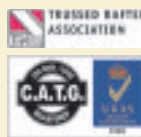
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**NEWS IN BRIEF****Council signs up to waste campaign**

A CAMPAIGN which aims to help small businesses comply with the law around waste disposal is now being supported by Powys County Council.

The council has become the first in Wales in becoming an ambassador for the 'right waste, right place' campaign.

In a recent survey, half of small and medium-sized businesses in the UK admitted that they didn't know where their waste ends up and didn't keep their waste transfer note. These companies run the risk of inadvertently allowing their waste to be fly-tipped and facing an unlimited fine.

The campaign will target firms and other organisations throughout Wales with information and practical guidance for businesses about waste and recycling and their duty of care obligations. This complements the work that the council is doing with traders.

**Defibrillators go on fire engines**

FIREFIGHTERS in Mid Wales are celebrating teaming up with the Welsh Ambulance Service and the Cariad charity to provide emergency first aid and the use of defibrillators carried on their fire engines.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service and the Welsh Ambulance Service have been involved in a joint co-responding scheme, that aims to provide the earliest possible response to life-threatening medical emergencies, since 1998. Following its success, 18 further locations across Mid and West Wales have become co-responder stations with at least a further six stations due to join this year.

Since the introduction of the scheme firefighters have attended 22,297 medical emergencies.

# MPs issue call for more investment in railways

Report by Naomi Penrose

**AN influential MPs' committee has called for newer trains and major investment on the network between Wales and the Midlands.**

The report, from the Welsh Affairs Committee, says it hopes for "transformational change" when the rail franchise currently operated by Arriva Trains Wales ends in 2018.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies, a member of the Welsh Affairs Committee, said Wales needs better trains.

He said: "More people are using trains than ever before and Wales needs better, cleaner and faster trains but also major investment, and I am hopeful the new franchise will bring this."

Mr Davies said electrification of other networks will free up trains, and although they will be second-hand, they will be newer than the current stock in Wales.

The report detailed the "long-term underdevelopment" of Wales' rail network, and called for more modern carriages and the replacement of its older rolling stock.

The MPs' report said many problems were a result of "a huge failure" to allow for more passengers when the current 15-year franchise was awarded in 2003. It reveals that since then, passenger numbers have increased by about 75 per cent.

The committee found that the average age of carriages running on the network was 27 years old, with the oldest 40 years old.

Because of the state of the country's rolling stock they have recommended that more action be taken to acquire new trains.

## Recycle work to carry on says charity



Cae Post has been a pioneer in the recycling industry

A RECYCLING charity has said it would like to get in contact with businesses to offer them its services.

Cae Post, based at Trewern, near Welshpool, recently had to announce it was to make 17 staff redundant because a deal with Powys County Council renewed.

However, Sue Packer, general manager at Cae Post, said operations would continue and the organisation was looking for more business opportunities.

She said: "We also operate successful recycling and waste collection services to a number of organisations such as schools and private businesses in Powys and beyond and we are continuing to offer this service and hope that we might be able to employ more people in the near future as we gain new customers. Indeed, if any local business or organisation would be interested in working with us, I'd really like to talk to them to see how we can help them and they can help us. We would like to say thanks to all householders from whom we have collected since 2006 and, as a charity and social business, Cae Post will continue to seek opportunities to support local people who find it difficult to access the jobs market."

## Ramblers to enjoy six-mile tour of hills

THE next Welshpool Ramblers walk on Sunday will be a six-mile tour of the Breidden Hills starting and ending in Middletown.

Although involving several steep ascents, the route will be over good open pathways and forest tracks.

All are welcome, but no dogs on the walk.

Those wishing to participate should meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Information Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225075).

Anyone seeking further information or anyone who has not received details of the arrangements and who wishes to go straight to the start of the walk should telephone (01938) 571114.

The Welshpool Ramblers held both a belated Christmas lunch and one of their fortnightly rambles in the same week. On January 19 the lunch was enjoyed at the Royal Oak in Welshpool by 28 past and present walking members of the group.

A few days later, on January 22, a group of eight walkers who ventured out despite threats of snow were led by Mel Lyons on a 7.5 mile circular walk from Welshpool.

## Group members enjoy get-together

EIGHTEEN members of Welshpool Inner Wheel, and guests, met at the group's president's house in Chirk for the annual Christmas party.

Everyone enjoyed the buffet and cocktails, and had great fun counting the candles and Santas in the large festive display.

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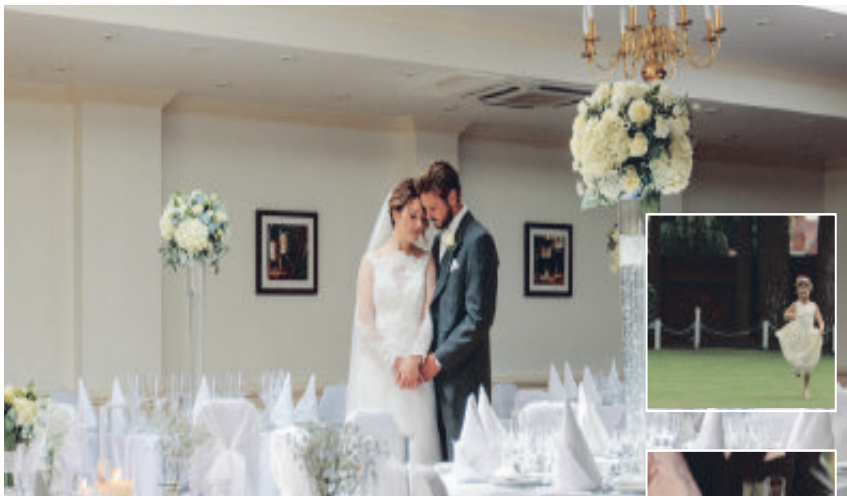
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## There's so much going on at authentic Italian restaurant

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**Businesses need to think outside the box and offer something new and dynamic in order to encourage people to use them.**

That's the message from restaurateur Paolo Lepone ahead of a packed few months of events at his restaurant Lepones in Oswestry.

As the business celebrates 14 years in the town – and two at its new 19th century church building on Oswald Road – Mr Lepone is looking forward to hosting a range of music and entertainment events, something the restaurant has been trying its hand at since its move.

Mr Lepone said he wants to change people's perception that Lepones is "just a restaurant" but also a venue for events.

He said: "In the next few months we've got so much to look forward to, we're celebrating our second birthday here in our new building in March with jazz singer Jeremy Sassoon and his trio who will be performing, we've also got the Three Welsh Tenors singing here too in April.

"We're just wanting to offer something different every time with our events, and show people that we aren't just a restaurant, we're also a place to meet friends for a cocktail and enjoy live entertainment.

"We're aiming to host a different event every month from March."

Mr Lepone said he hopes the events are well supported by the community.

He said: "Businesses, be it shops or



Kitchen staff at Lepones, with owner Paolo Lepone and his mother Gioconda

restaurants need to think outside the box and provide something different but in the same token, people need to support them or they simply won't happen. It's very much a two way street. For us we pride ourselves on our good, authentic Italian food but we also want people to know we have so much going on here, from our events but also we're starting to do weddings now.

"We've got a really exciting year ahead of us here." Mr Lepone's says his love of cooking comes from his mother Gioconda Lepone, whose specialities include gnocchi and minestrone.

He said: "My mother has taught me most of what I know, and that's my passion but now I'm looking forward to moving with the times and offering customers something that bit more."



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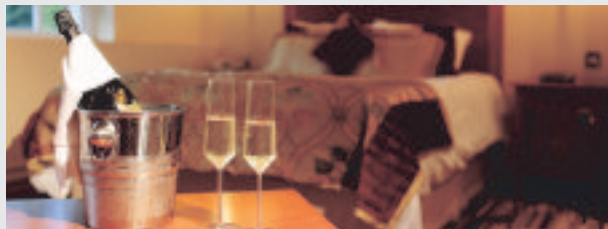
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## Reader Geoff helps solve photo query

CHRONICLE reader Geoff Thomas of Oswestry has helped solve a mystery we posed in our January 12 edition.

In that edition we included a photograph from Nigel Walters of Oswestry showing an old church and a Co-op store in the town with Mr Walters asking readers if they knew where the buildings were. Mr Thomas has responded, saying: "I am pretty sure it is of the Wesleyan Church which stood on the corner of Beatrice Street and King Street and was demolished in the 1960s together with the garage next door belonging to Mrs Burgess.

"The doorway is of the Co-op Gents outfitters. I worked on a major alteration to the Co-op shop in 1963, which included three shops converted into one unit."

"These shops are now the Simla."

## Bridge to close for inspection

A BRIDGE is to close during the day-time for an inspection to be carried out.

The Rhyd-Meredith Bridge, in the Llanymynech and Llyncllys area, will close to all traffic between 9am and 4pm on Wednesday next week, council bosses have said.

The bridge carries the A495 over the River Tanat and must be closed while the inspection is taking place.

Shropshire Council says equipment will be on the road and it is too narrow for the work to be carried out safely with the bridge open to traffic.

Traffic will be diverted southbound along the A495 from Porth-y-Waen to Llyncllys, south along the A483 to Llanymynech then west along the B4398 and B4393 roads to Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain.

Northbound traffic will follow the opposite route.

Access for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will remain available at the bridge throughout the work.

# Prestigious cycle tour boosted local economy by £500,000

**BRITAIN'S biggest professional cycle race – which finished in Mid Wales for the first time last year – boosted the local economy by more than half a million pounds, an official report has revealed.**

More than 40,000 cycle enthusiasts visited Powys when stage four of the 2016 Tour of Britain finished at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd, near Builth Wells.

It was the first time the county hosted a stage finish of the Tour of Britain.

It has previously brought crowds of thousands to towns in Shropshire and Mid Wales, who have lined the streets to see stars such as Sir Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish compete.

Last year's race featured 21 team from 10 countries, 11 of which rode in the 2016 Tour de France.

A total 124 riders took part in the race, including seven Olympic medalists from the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Frontline's economic impact assessment of the 2016 Tour of Britain showed that 85,000 people visited stage four, which started in Denbigh and finished in Powys.

Councillor Tony Thomas, Powys County Council cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "We were extremely proud to host our first ever Tour of Britain stage finish last year.

"The findings of the economic impact report shows the value to the county of these high profile events.

"The financial boost to local businesses during the few hours that the event is in Powys is quite remarkable and fully justifies the efforts taken to attract the race to Powys.

"The event provides a huge opportunity to showcase the beauty of the county. Last year ITV4 coverage alone



The Peloton descends in Llanelwedd during stage four of the 2016 Tour of Britain cycle race

reached over 800,000 and BBC Wales hosted their evening programme live from the finish line. International broadcasts of the race reached North America, Pan Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa and was shown throughout Europe including cycling powerhouse counties-France, Italy and Belgium. Of the visitors who came to Powys 15 per cent stayed overnight with an average spend in the county of nearly £100, even with those who just visited

for the day the average spend for a group was just under £40. It is also pleasing to see from survey feedback that the Powys event will have a lasting impact on residents' health with an impressive 57 per cent saying the day inspired them to take up cycling in the future."

Steve Hughson, chief executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society, said: "It was a huge pleasure to have this iconic cycle race finishing here at

the showground in Llanelwedd last year. Being one of the best connected rural event sites in Wales, the showground is the ideal venue for many events.

"We are delighted to get the chance to work closely with Powys County Council and organisations such as the Tour of Britain to bring these prestigious events and their associated benefits to the local community of Mid Wales."

## MPs vow to present the voters' views

MPS from Shropshire and Mid Wales have vowed to present the views of their constituents on Brexit.

The vow comes after the Supreme Court ruled that Parliament must have its say on Brexit. The court said Article 50 cannot be triggered without an act of Parliament authorising it to do so.

Many MPs said they expected that Britain's exit from the EU would still follow the same proposed timeline.

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP said: "I think it is what we expected.

"I expect that when Parliament resumes a bill will be put forward to take the action to trigger Article 50.

"I fully expect to be voting on Article 50 before the end of March.

"I do think it was interesting to see that three of the judges actually voted with the Government, it suggests it was a fairly fine argument."

And North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson agreed adding: "The fact there was a split vote shows that the Government was right to appeal. The Government should bring a bill forward as soon as possible, to trigger Article 50 by the end of March."

The Supreme Court also ruled that Parliament will not have to consult Welsh Assembly members ahead of the vote.

Eluned Morgan, Welsh Assembly Member and shadow minister for Wales in the House of Lords said: "It was utterly hypocritical of a Government in its first action to withdraw from the EU to undermine the Commons – the forum which represents the democratic voice of the people. Let's not forget that many people voted to leave the EU because they wanted to re-assert British control. That control must be determined through Parliament. Brexit will be an extremely complicated and lengthy negotiation. It is essential that difficult questions are asked and answered on what will be the very best deal for the country. Brexit is going to impact on every man, woman and child in Wales from job opportunities to the price of food in our shops."

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# Castle may host Weeping Window

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A BREATHTAKING poppy installation commemorating British servicemen who died in the First World War could come to a castle on the Shropshire/Wales border next year if a bid to bring it to the area is successful.**

Wrexham County Borough Council and the National Trust have submitted a joint bid for the Weeping Window installation to come to Chirk Castle, near Oswestry

The Weeping Window, along with another sculpture known as The Wave, comprises hundreds of poppies commemorating the war dead of the First World War, and is currently touring locations across the United Kingdom as part of commemorations – a campaign by the Royal British Legion to mark 100 years since the war.

If successful, the installation – which has already been displayed at Caernarfon Castle, St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall, the Woodhorn Museum in Northumberland and St George's Hall in Liverpool – will come to the medieval castle, which overlooks the border between England and Wales.

Councillor Hugh Jones, lead member for communities and partnerships, said: "I'm very hopeful that the panel accepts our bid for the Weeping Window at Chirk Castle, submitted jointly with our partners from the National Trust. The castle would form an incredibly impressive and sombre backdrop to the Weeping Window, and it would pose a fitting location for the sculpture.

"I also want to thank our partners at Chirk Castle and the National Trust,



The Weeping Window poppy installation at Caernarfon Castle. It is hoped it will also come to Chirk Castle in the future.

who have been incredibly supportive in helping us to prepare this joint bid, and I'm sure they share our hope that this submission is a successful one."

Councillor David Griffiths, Wrexham County Borough Council's Armed Forces champion, said: "I am very pleased to see that we will be bidding

once more for the Poppy Sculpture to come to Wrexham. Chirk Castle would provide a suitable setting for the Weeping Window, which has proven to be an evocative and fitting memorial for all British servicemen who lost their lives during the First World War."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tribute is paid to leading historian

THE life of celebrated local historian David Pugh has been marked in the National Assembly by Montgomeryshire Assembly Member Russell George.

Mr George paid tribute to Mr Pugh in the National Assembly for Wales on Wednesday last week. Mr Pugh, who sadly passed away recently after a short illness, was Newtown's leading local historian for many decades.

Mr Pugh was a director of the Montgomeryshire Community Regeneration Association and committee member of the Powysland Club. Mr George said: "Best known for being seen with his camera, recording buildings for historic records, we now have a 64 volume quarterly journal called 'The Newtonian' which has recorded the life and times of Newtown and its townspeople. Before David's work, there was very little recorded and it is thanks to David's sustained commitment and determination that we now have an authoritative record of the town's history for future generations."

Drivers uninjured in road collision

DRIVERS escaped injury in a two-vehicle collision on the junction of a busy trunk road.

The crash happened at about 9.30am on Wednesday last week on the edge of Oswestry, at the junction of the A483 trunk road and Maesbury Road, a well known accident black spot.

Drivers of the vehicles, a maroon Peugeot and a white VW van were checked over by paramedics at the scene but it is not thought that they suffered serious injury.

Traffic built up in the area, as a result of the crash, and officers were on hand to divert motorists away from the accident.

Police Constable Dave Wagg, urged caution when using the junction.

Funding available for village youth activities

Report by Sue Austin

GRANTS for running youth activities in a number of villages are up for grabs.

St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee, which covers villages to the south of Oswestry, has been allocated £3,000 to support youth activity for those aged 10 to 19 and up to 24 for those with additional needs during 2016/17.

It still has £1,500 which has to be allocated in the next few weeks.

It comes after Shropshire Council stopped funding youth services directly as part of budget cuts. But the authority has allocated funds through its LJC's to support youth activities.

Councillor Arthur Walpole, chairman of the LJC, said the committee wanted to hear from local providers, voluntary organisations, youth clubs, sports or social enterprises which provide youth activities or which are looking to develop sustainable local activity. The LJC covers the parish areas of Oswestry Rural, including Morda, Trefonen, Treflach, Maesbury, Melverley, Knockin, Kinnerley, Llanyblodwel, Llanyrnech and Pant.

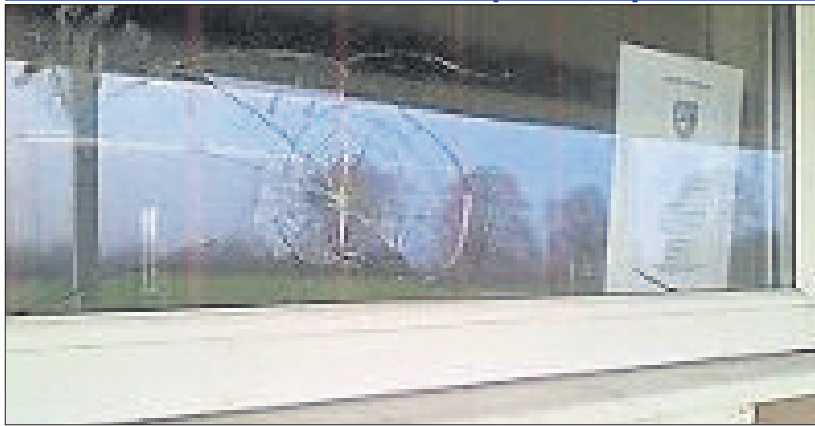
"If you feel your organisation can help young people in the above areas to enjoy, achieve, be healthy, stay safe and increase confidence, we encourage you to get in touch," Councillor Walpole said.

"We hope local providers will see this as an opportunity to support existing activities and develop new opportunities for young people locally."

Funding is available through small grants of up to a total of £500. The deadline for applications is February 13.

For more information or advice about how to apply for funding contact (01743) 250307.

More vandalism at sports pavilion



A window was damaged at Weston Rhyn sports pavilion in the latest vandalism attack

VANDALS have targeted a village sports pavilion that has recently been refurbished.

In the latest attack a window was smashed in the building at Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, the lock to the pavilion was tampered with and mud was smeared over the outside walls.

Officials say a minority are spoiling a facility enjoyed by hundreds of people each week.

Police are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information about

the latest criminal damage to contact them on 101, quoting incident number 0240S 210117.

"Over the years there has been numerous incidents reported to the police involving the pavilion. The pavilion is there for those using the sports pitch and the building is maintained by public funds," a police spokesman said.

"The location of the pavilion is isolated, however lots of people use the area for dog walking. If you see any

thing suspicious whilst in the area please do not engage with the people but call the police on our non emergency number, 101."

Chairman of the recreation ground and parish councillor, Angela Bright, said the latest vandalism was discovered on January 21.

Now officials are installing CCTV in a bid to catch the culprits. "This time they smashed a window, kicked the door and broke the lock to try to get in," Councillor Bright said.

Agricultural group plans £1.2 million investment

LLANSANTFFRAID-BASED agricultural group Wynnstay is to invest about £1.2 million on a new warehouse at its site on the edge of Shrewsbury.

The company, which produces feed and seed for the farming industry and runs retail operations around the country, is hoping to increase production at its Harlescott operation once the work is complete.

It is currently awaiting planning permission. The additional warehousing is expected to create two or three jobs at Wynnstay's Shrewsbury site. "It will be a big complex allowing us to increase productivity at the site, and that will be more people coming into the business as well," said chief executive Ken Greetham.

Wynnstay says it is seeing signs of recovery in prices paid to farmers, and hopes that will lead to an increase in its own revenues this year.

The seed and feed company saw revenue and profits decline in the year to October 31, pointing to farm gate price deflation as one of the major causes.

The group saw revenue drop by 2.44 per cent to £368.14 million in the year to October 31. Pre-tax profits were down 12 per cent at £7.29 million.

Finance director Paul Roberts said prices paid to farmers for their goods had fallen significantly since 2013, and the volume of produce sold last year would have been worth £90 million more had prices held up in the last three years.

And chief executive Ken Greetham said the results were "in line with market expectations" but that they reflect the tough trading environment faced by farmers.

"If farmers are not getting as much for their produce they don't invest so much and are very price sensitive," he said. "That affects us to a certain extent."

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# Relatives invited to come forward over graveyard sale



Graves at the United Reformed Church in Ruyton-XI-Towns

PEOPLE with relatives buried next to a former church that is going up for sale with a price tag of £100,000 are being asked to come forward to voice any concerns they may have.

The United Reformed Church, in Upper School Road, Ruyton-XI-Towns, in between Shrewsbury and Oswestry, has been put on the property market by estate agent Barbers.

The chapel closed in October 2010 and an old graveyard closed for burials to the west of the chapel, is now laid to lawn and the modern

graveyard is to the east of the chapel. Both the chapel and the graveyard are now for sale.

The Rev Steve Faber, moderator of West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church, said: "Our desire is to sell the site as a whole, with the purchaser being fully aware of the interests of families."

"We would be open to discussions with interested parties wishing to take ownership of the graveyard, and have had conversations with a surveyor about how a separate entrance to the



The United Reformed Church building in Ruyton-XI-Towns is up for sale

graveyard could be constructed. It is not our intention to offer the chapel for sale separately from the graveyard unless the graveyard has already been taken over by someone else first.

We have a concern to see that the graveyard is taken into responsible care by the next owner – the sites of graves are protected by legislation and the site would not be available for redevelopment." A spokesman for the Synod Office in Birmingham said: "Following the closure of the church, it is intended to sell the property. Any

relatives with an interest in the graveyard are asked to make themselves known so that they can be kept informed."

A Barbers spokesman said: "The property is a detached church, believed to have been constructed in 1833, which comprises a main hall with a small extension. The main building totals about 95 square metres and offers a conversion opportunity."

Relatives can call 0121 783 1177 or email [admin@urcwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:admin@urcwestmidlands.org.uk)

## Landowners are urged to flag up sites

LANDOWNERS across Shropshire are being encouraged to seek professional advice about submitting potential residential and commercial development sites for Shropshire Council to consider.

The council is asking private, public and voluntary sector bodies and individuals to submit potential development sites for consideration between until March 20. The 'Call for Sites' is part of the council's partial review of the Shropshire Local Plan, which shapes the future of the county. Shaun Jones, a rural professional director of Halls, is advising owners of potential development sites, which are within or adjacent to an existing settlement, not to miss the important opportunity to make the council aware of their land.

"Owners who don't promote their land during this window will be wasting a great opportunity to make the council aware of its availability for future development," he said. "It's crucial that they seek professional advice so that they make the best possible case for their land to be included in the local plan review."

"In basic terms, if owners don't wave their hand under the noses of the planners, then they are not going to know about it. We live in a competitive environment and the council will assess the suitability of all the land available focussing on the ones that meet their requirements." The partial review of the local plan will focus on key areas of change, including options for the level and distribution of new housing across the county along with strategies for employment growth up to 2036. Shropshire Council has to ensure there is sufficient deliverable land available for up to 13,000 additional houses between now and 2036.

## Council gives caller options

RESIDENTS and organisations contacting Powys County Council in an out-of-hours emergency now have a choice of telephone numbers.

For enquiries about services such as highways, housing repairs, refuse, and environmental health there is a choice of both local code (01597) and 0845 numbers. This has recently been extended to emergency out-of-hours calls. The choice is given to offer callers the most cost effective number depending on their individual call plan.

Adding call options for the emergency line, as well as highlighting the choices available, is a direct action from the council's anti-poverty work. Councillor Joy Jones, Powys County Council's anti-poverty champion, said: "I was made aware that some people incur higher charges for 0845 numbers, particularly if calling from mobile phones."

"So I am pleased that, as a result of raising this through my anti-poverty champion role, this was looked at and change has happened. As a result those who need help, particularly in an urgent situation, can do so without incurring additional charges."

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, cabinet member for customer services said: "We are pleased for this call option to be added to our out-of-hours emergency line."

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# Historic railway carriage is transformed into cafe



The carriage has been used for many purposes over the years



Stars including actor David Tennant have enjoyed dinner in the transformed carriage

Report by Sue Austin

**AN historic railway carriage restored by a Shropshire train enthusiast has been given a new lease of life as a restaurant.**

The carriage has been through endless transformations, from a third class passenger coach to an ambulance train in the First World War, a breakdown coach and finally a railway workshop.

After it was rescued and lovingly restored by Andrew Wilson, the carriage has been transformed yet again, into part of the Station Kitchen Restaurant at West Bay in Dorset. Among those who have sat at the tables inside are David Tennant and Olivia Colman, who were filming episodes of Broadchurch in the town.

Andrew Wilson, a volunteer on the Cambrian Railways in Oswestry, rescued the carriage from dereliction and thinks it is the only one of its kind still in existence. He was approached by a television company who wanted to use it for a crash scene but decided instead to sell it to Ross and Claire Moore for an addition to the couple's Station Kitchen restaurant.

The carriage has a fascinating history, originally built in 1911 as a third class corridor passenger coach and turned into an ambulance train in 1918, when it was fitted with bunk beds and had medical staff on board – a hospital on wheels. After the war it was converted into a breakdown coach and used until the 1980s, when it was withdrawn from service. Mr Wilson said he had an offer for the carriage from the Channel 4 soap, Hollyoaks, which wanted to buy it to use for a train crash storyline. Not wanting the carriage to be damaged he instead sold it to the Station Kitchen owners.



The Station Kitchen restaurant in Dorset



The carriage now has a new lease of life as a restaurant

## Special Report: Health

### National birth report 'flags up local worries'

MIDWIFE shortages across the country are making women feel like "cattle" or "on a conveyor belt" a report has warned.

Shropshire campaigners have said it may be a similar story in this county if 24-hour services in the more rural community hospitals are lost.

The study, from the National Childbirth Trust and the National Federation of Women's Institutes, is based on a survey of 2,500 women who have given birth since 2014. It found that a lack of staffing left some women frightened and half had experienced at least one "red flag" event, such as not getting timely access to pain relief.

The paper said that since a similar report four years ago there has been "scant progress" in women's experiences of giving birth on the NHS.

Bobbie Brown, who started a petition to the Government to step in over the fate of Shropshire's rural maternity units, said it was a concern as Shropshire's midwife-led units had faced staffing issues over the Christmas period.

Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Oswestry and Shrewsbury all had to close overnight in the past few weeks as staff were re-deployed to make up numbers at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital.

### No consultants at weekends

THERE are no consultants working in Telford's A&E department at weekends, it has been revealed.

Staffing levels are so low in the emergency departments in Shropshire that consultants are now only on call at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital on a Saturday and Sunday.

Consultants are still present at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital during the weekend and are at both hospitals during the week.

But at the weekends, consultant care in Telford's emergency department is provided solely over the phone.

The situation was revealed by Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust's chief operating officer Debbie Kadum at a meeting of Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mrs Kadum was giving a report to members on problems the trust has faced meeting A&E four-hour waiting time targets and in meeting referral to treatment targets for patients. But she insisted: "There is consultant cover seven days a week."

In September it was revealed that the trust had lost another A&E consultant, now running the two departments in Telford and Shrewsbury with just four.

### Watchdog has grants on offer

A HEALTH watchdog is calling for groups to apply for grants worth up to £4,000.

Healthwatch Shropshire wants to hear from groups or organisations that carry out research in order to improve health and social care services.

Jane Randall-Smith, chief officer of Healthwatch Shropshire, said: "After the success of the previous three years' funds, we are keen to give a further opportunity for voluntary organisations and community groups to carry out research."

"It is a great opportunity to make a contribution to understanding how we can improve health and social care services in Shropshire for everyone."

The deadline for applications is February 13.

To apply, go to [www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/research-grant](http://www.healthwatchshropshire.co.uk/research-grant) or by contacting the office.

For more information, call 01743 237884 or email [enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk)

### Take on challenge to help hospice

FUNDRAISERS are being encouraged to set themselves challenges this year and help to raise money for a hospice. Severn Hospice has organised a series of events including half marathons, mid-night walks, a colour run and adventures abroad. Register for the events by visiting [www.severnshospice.org.uk](http://www.severnshospice.org.uk)

# MP says he is keen to start breaking down the taboo of 'bowel talk' to help save more lives

Report by Sally Williams

cancer – particularly colostomy irrigation, of which I am an enthusiastic champion.

"It seems strange that so few people know what's involved – probably lot of people think bowels can't be mentioned in polite society. That's an attitude that leads to a lot of people dying before they should."

In 2002, in consultation with his surgeon, Mr Davies was given an abdominal perineal resection to remove a cancerous tumour.

"It was a big op," said Mr Davies, "around five to six hours long but only a five per cent chance of dying though."

"It involved removal of the lower part of the

bowel, the rectum and anus and bringing the cut end of the remaining bowel out through a small incision in the abdomen to form a colostomy.

"Most people attach a colostomy bag to collect the excreted waste. I did not like that, and when my colostomy nurse suggested trying irrigation, I decided to give it a go. Soon became used to it. Changed my life and I'd never go back."

"So what's involved?"

"It's so simple and straightforward. A flexible polythene bag, which will hold nearly two litres is hung on a peg in the bathroom. I use the end of the curtain rail."

"In hotel rooms, it's usually the top of the nearest door."

"I pour about 600 mls of warm water into the polythene bag, allowing it to run down a tube and into the bowel through the colostomy. For me, gravity is sufficient, although pumps are available for those who prefer it. And then you just let it all run out into the loo."

He joked: "I usually sit on an adjacent comfortable chair, with my mobile and iPad to work on, or read the paper. I have to remember not to use Facetime."

"It takes around 40-60 minutes. "To start with I was disciplined and did it every day at exactly the same time. But now I irrigate when it's convenient."

"Usually it's every two days but if I've not been eating much, it can be three days."

# County health service among worst funded in the country

Report by Amy Downward

**SHROPSHIRE'S health services are among the worst funded in the country, officials have said.**

Professor Rod Thomson, director of Public Health for Shropshire, said Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin have one of the lowest allocations of funding per person.

He spoke about the issues at a meeting of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group in Shrewsbury.

Professor Thomson said: "This area is underfunded. Only Hereford and Worcester gets less than Shropshire as a county as far as I can see."

"The national average allocation is £1,983 per person. In Shropshire we have been allocated £1,768 per person."

"We have to work with the money we have got. The local authority is lobbying to try and get fairer funding."

"They get about £2,000 per person in Lincolnshire. Kensington and Chelsea gets 26 per cent more funding than Shropshire and it has no areas of deprivation."

### Travel

"Also the travel time for staff in Shropshire is five times greater between patients than other areas - this has not been recognised in the funding."

During public question time at the meeting Silvia Jones, from Clunbury Parish Council, said: "Shropshire and Telford is the sixth worst funded area out of the 44 in the country – despite having areas that have above average needs. In Shropshire we have an ageing population which costs more and in Telford there are areas of deprivation."

"If we had an average level of funding we would have an extra £109 million."

"The CCG's job is to get the proper level of funding and you should be doing your job to achieve this. It is a big sum of money we are missing out on and I find it shocking."

Dr Simon Freeman, interim accountable officer at Shropshire CCG, responded: "I don't recognise those figures at all."

"It is not the job of this board to get involved in national politics. It is the job of the board to manage the budget from NHS England."

David Sandbach, the former chief executive of PRH, previously sent a paper round to health bosses saying if the Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin had the same allocation as Cornwall, Shropshire would have £208.6 million more in the county to spend on the NHS.

### Staff forced to park on grass and then fined



Doctors, nurses and laboratory technicians have all been ticketed at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in recent weeks

HOSPITAL staff are being hit with parking tickets because of a lack of spaces.

Doctors, nurses and laboratory technicians have all been ticketed at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in recent weeks.

Some have received several tickets within days, despite having parking permits that they pay for directly from their wages.

Staff say they have no option on occasion but to park on grass verges because all spaces have been taken.

One woman who works at the hospital, but did not wish to be named, said: "It is ridiculous. I have had three tickets this week. I got to work in time for my shift the other day to

find that the car park designated for staff at the hospital was full. I asked at the parking kiosk where to park and was told by the staff that as long as I wasn't blocking any entrances or on the yellow boxes I could park anywhere."

"In the end I had to park on the grass. When I got back to the car at the end of my shift, I found I had a ticket. This happened over three days this week. Each time I go and ask the parking warden at the office and they tell me to park wherever I can."

"I am not the only one to be experiencing problems at the car park and I do wonder if the person who is telling us to park on the grass and in other areas is the same person

who then comes and gives us tickets. Perhaps it would best to just turn around and go home."

Staff can apply for a permit that allows them to use the designated staff car park. They pay directly from their wages for the privilege.

A spokesman for CP-Plus, the firm responsible for collecting the parking charges said: "The attendant clearly meant that she could park anywhere in the car park where she would not cause an obstruction – this would not include areas of the site and surrounding the site that were not designated for parking, including grass, hatched areas and entrance roadways."

# Service is accused of blocking pioneering 999 project

A PIONEERING ambulance project that saw fewer people being taken to A&E and saved Shropshire's health service £2 million has been ended.

West Midlands Ambulance Service terminated the Physician Response Unit in early September and said it will not re-instate it.

The move has angered members of Shropshire's CCG, who discussed the issue at a meeting last week.

But WMAS officials have said the project was only ever intended as a two-month trial – and that two serious incidents had happened

during that time that had raised concerns. The response unit was launched in Shropshire in July last year to reduce the number of ambulances queuing outside the region's hospitals.

The scheme consisted of an ambulance car, based in Shrewsbury, which had a GP trained in pre-hospital medicine on-board, dispatched after a 999 call. It was funded by Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group as part of steps to alleviate NHS pressures.

Dr Julie Davies, Shropshire CCG director of strategy and service redesign, said: "The model costs about £400,000 a year. We paid

the ambulance service for the car and technician. We are still paying for the doctors employed for this project and hope to re-claim these costs from WMAS."

She said medics employed as part of the service were now on "other projects" including audit paperwork. Dr Julian Povey, CCG chairman, said he had written to the chief executive of WMAS asking for the services to be re-instated. He said: "The response I got from WMAS does not explain why the service cannot be re-instated. We thought the scheme ticked all the boxes."

Mark Docherty, WMAS director of clinical commissioning, said "We are surprised by the suggestion that doctors in the CCG are not aware of the situation regarding the Physician Response Unit given the large number of emails exchanged, the letters written and responded to in recent days and a teleconference that was held last Friday on the subject."

"The scheme was meant to focus on urgent primary care needs rather than a blue light response and as such was not as successful as had been hoped."

# PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY  
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## Property in village is immaculate in its presentation

Immaculately presented, Green End in Whittington Road, Gobowen is a three-bedroomed semi-detached property built in the 1930s.

Retaining a host of original features, yet fully updated and extended, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £269,500.

The home lies in a desirable location on the edge of the popular village of Gobowen. Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance lobby, entrance hallway, a dining room, a lounge, an oak framed garden/family room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, two first floor bedrooms, a bathroom and study, together with a second floor third bedroom and en-suite. Outside, the property has good sized gardens together with an outside workshop/office, log store and dog run. This home, which was re-roofed in 2013, has double glazing, gas fired central heating, solar thermal panels, electric solar panels and led lighting throughout.

In more detail the property is approached over a tarmac driveway with path leading to a door into an entrance lobby with mosaic tiled flooring and an original front door to the main hallway. This also has an original mosaic quarry tiled floor and stairs off to the first floor. The dining room has a coal effect gas fire on a marble hearth in an Adam style surround and a bay window.

The lounge has a fireplace with a slate hearth housing a multi-fuel burner and original stripped timber floorboards. This space has an opening into the oak framed garden/family room with sliding doors opening to a patio, ceiling spotlights and underfloor heating. The kitchen includes an integrated fan assisted oven/grill with four ring Hotpoint induction hob and stainless steel extractor hood over. On the first floor bedroom one has three double fitted wardrobes, bedroom two has two double wardrobes with overhead storage cupboards and a bay window. The family bathroom has a vanity wash hand basin with tiled splash-back and mirror, low level flush WC, a free standing bath and shower cubicle, ceiling spotlights, a heated towel rail and extractor fan. The study/bedroom four is also on this floor. Off the second floor landing, bedroom three has engineered oak flooring with underfloor heating, an en-suite, dormer windows and ceiling spotlights.

## KEY FEATURES

Three bedrooms

Semi-detached

Desirable village location

Built in 1930s

Original features

GOBOWEN

£269,500



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# Four bedroomed house on a recently established estate

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Close to village amenities and the A483, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £315,000. In brief it has two reception rooms, a study, kitchen, utility, a family bathroom, ensuite, gas central heating, double glazing and a well maintained rear garden.

In more detail an open porch to the front gives access to the front door to the entrance hall with an entry-phone system.

The lounge has a stone fireplace housing a multi fuel stove and a box bay window to the front. There is also a study which overlooks the frontage and a cloakroom/WC. The kitchen/breakfast room has an extensive range of floor and wall units, ample work surfaces, tiled splash surfaces, tiled flooring, a useful



under stairs store, built-in appliances incorporating a double electric oven, gas hob, extractor hood and fridge/freezer. The utility includes a sink and a door to the outside.

The dining room has double doors opening out to the rear patio.

The master bedroom has a pair of double doored built-in fitted wardrobes and an ensuite shower room with a fully tiled cubicle having a plumbed shower fitting, low-flush WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

Bedroom two has a double built-in wardrobe, while bedroom three has a single door built-in wardrobe and bedroom four has a double door built-in wardrobe. Fitted with a modern P-shaped bath, the bathroom has a plumbed shower fitting and screen, low flush WC, a vanity wash hand basin and complementary wall tiling.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.



## Stunning barn conversion is situated in an idyllic rural setting

MARTON  
£420,000 >>>

A stunning four-bedroomed Grade II listed semi-detached barn conversion, 2 Beeches Barn at Marton near Welshpool lies in an idyllic rural setting.

It is for sale through Balfours at £420,000. This character-packed property is situated in a quiet rural setting with wonderful views at the top of a bank above Marton. Local amenities are available in the nearby village of Marton by way of a village shop, a pub, village hall and church. A more extensive range of facilities can be found in the nearby town of Welshpool, a lively market town which provides a good selection of local amenities, restaurants and schools.

Number 2 Beeches Barn is a beautiful Grade II listed semi detached barn conversion. The barn is a stone and timber clad property which is situated in a beautiful picturesque location just a short distance from the village.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511 for more details about the property.



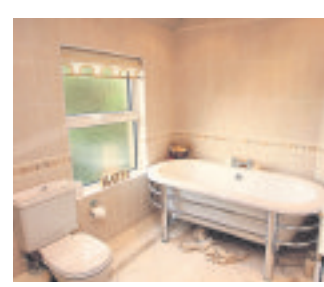
## Victorian end of terrace home in town is well maintained

OSWESTRY  
£167,500 <<<

A Victorian end of terrace property with three bedrooms, 74 York Street, Oswestry is tastefully decorated and well maintained throughout.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £167,500. Its accommodation comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge/dining room, a beautifully fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom. The property is warmed by gas central heating and double glazing. To the outside is a garage, a small front garden, a private side garden and a rear yard with storage a shed. Number 74 is conveniently located and within walking distance of Oswestry town centre which has an abundance of local amenities including schools and leisure facilities. The front of the property is walled and paved with a brick driveway leading to the garage. The side garden is private with decking. The rear garden has a paved yard.

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- EPC Rating, NO CHAIN



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- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Rm
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom



- Well maintained gardens, off road parking
- uPVC D/G, electric storage heaters
- Cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D (62)



#### Castle Street Oswestry

£100,000

- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- slabbed area to the front.
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- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Dining Room



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- Further 2 Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
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## IT contract awarded to town firm

ELLESMERE College has awarded Oswestry firm Hollis Office Solutions a major contract to support all IT printers and multifunctional devices used across its campus.

Hollis will be providing a fully managed service to ensure the highest level of availability for all printers and eliminate any disruption to the learning process for students and teaching staff.

Vicky Pritt-Roberts, deputy head at Ellesmere College, said: "After a variable experience with another supplier, quality of service was the most important factor in awarding this contract.

"We have been impressed by the enthusiastic approach that Hollis office Solutions has always shown in all its dealings with Ellesmere College and we have high levels of confidence that the company will provide an efficient support service and deliver a rapid response to any request for assistance."

Under this contract, Hollis Office Solutions is providing Ellesmere College with a fully managed service which includes the automated remote monitoring of more than 100 print devices on the school's IT network.

This will automate the collection of meter readings from every printer to ensure accurate billing as well as identify when new toner is required. Genuine, original manufacturer toner and consumables will be supplied throughout the term of the contract and will be delivered on a 'just in time' basis. Gary Thompson, managing director of Hollis Office Solutions, said: "We are delighted to win this prestigious contract which demonstrates that specialist local suppliers are committed to delivering higher levels of service than larger national organisations."

## Policy on pets is welcomed

THE head of a Shropshire care provider has welcomed a call for more residential homes to implement a pet policy to make the transition into care an easier process for older people.

David Coull from Coverage Care said he supported the campaign by the charity Blue Cross for all care homes for elderly people to have a specific pet policy.

Blue Cross said its research found that 40 per cent of UK care homes claim to be "pet friendly" but, in practice, this often is not clear or consistent. The charity has recommended homes have clear criteria on where they stand regarding residents keeping their pets and the responsibility of residents living with their pet in the home. Coverage Care runs 14 residential and nursing homes across Shropshire in Oswestry, Telford, Shrewsbury, Wellington, Whitchurch, Bridgnorth, Bishops Castle, Newport and Market Drayton.

Mr Coull said a transparent policy would make moving into care easier for people who do not want to part with their pets. He said: "Moving into care is a life-changing decision and it can be stressful so anything that can allow it to be a smooth transition should be welcomed. It would make it easier for people to choose the best place for them to live if every care home had a clearly stated policy."

## Help needed to deliver dinners

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help deliver hot meals to residents.

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council, which runs the Community Meals Project alongside local volunteers, is looking for additional volunteers to deliver hot meals to residents.

The project delivers hot meals to residents from Selattyn, Gobowen and Whittington parishes who may be in need of it.

Recipients of meals will receive a hot meal prepared locally by the orthopaedic hospital, delivered to the door by volunteers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

A two-course meal delivered costs £4. The project relies on a team of dedicated volunteers who give up one-and-a-half hours of their time, whenever they can to help deliver the meals.

Those interested in helping out with the project are asked to contact the parish clerk to request a volunteer application form by telephoning (01691) 829571 or emailing parishclerksg@gmail.com

# College goes back in time to celebrate birthday



The land based studies team at Derwen College plant the first of the 90th birthday trees

VISITORS to the nurseries and garden centre at the Derwen College at Gobowen would be forgiven if they thought they had stepped back in time when staff donned costumes from the 1920s and 30s.

The college has been turning back the clock

to celebrate its 90th birthday with a tree planting ceremony.

Wearing country costumes from the past the staff joined students for the tree planting, one of many celebrations taking place this year.

Students throughout the college have been

involved in thinking of ways to mark the milestone and the land based studies team decided to celebrate by planting a new tree on site each month. Pete Evans, programme manager for land based studies said: "The idea is that we will plant a tree that has interest in that par-



Sarah Bennett, learning support assistant, gets into the spirit

ticular month for example, flowers, coloured leaves or bark and the planting will form an avenue of trees.

Other events taking place at the college include a vintage tea, musical events including a 1920s ball, and a week of celebration in June.

# Series of activities keep staff and students busy



Jo White and Chloe Edwards have new roles at North Shropshire College

Report by Naomi Penrose

**STUDENTS and staff have been involved in various activities at schools and colleges in the Oswestry area.**

The Marches School hosted a primary mixed basketball tournament.

Seven schools from around the Oswestry area competed in the event. The competing schools were Bryn Offa, Criftons, Cock-shutt, Meadows, Holy Trinity, Whittington and Woodside.

A team of young leaders helped out at the event from The Marches School by supervising the pupils and coordinating the matches.

Bryn Offa CE Primary School was crowned champions and will go through to the school games play-offs.

Meanwhile, Sarah Newey, PE teacher at The Marches, is planning to run the London Marathon in military uniform in aid of Bowel Cancer UK. Before becoming a teacher, Sarah spent six years in the British Army, originally in the Royal Signals before becoming a medic. Because of this, Sarah will be running the full 26.2 miles in boots, combats and a backpack weighing 15kg.

To donate, visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weightedmarathon](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/weightedmarathon)

Meanwhile, North Shropshire College has announced the recruitment of two new members of staff to its management team.

Jo White joins the college as business development manager and former student Chloe Edwards joins the college as schools liaison and marketing co-ordinator.

The Walford campus of North Shropshire College has taken delivery of two new tele-handlers for the students to practise their skills on. One is a JCB supplied from Rea Valley Tractors and a Massey Ferguson from RVW Pugh.



Students at North Shropshire College with the new equipment



Marches School teacher Sarah Newey in her uniform



Pupils from the Meadows Primary School took part in the basketball tournament



Rotary members hard at work at the hospital roundabout



Rotarians Merrick Corfield and Mike Lade with Dana Nita from David Wilson Homes Mercia



One of the key safes donated to Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club



Members of Oswestry's Cambrian Rotary Club have been helping refurbish a roundabout outside Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital

# Busy time for rotary members

**OSWESTRY'S** rotary clubs have been kept busy in recent weeks through various initiatives.

Members of Oswestry Rotary Club recently had a presentation from Jill Livingstone from Carerstrust4all Young Carers Service in Shropshire

Money raised in street collections in June were handed over to her by club members Mike Griffiths and Peter Hill.

Borderland Rotary Club has welcomed a new member.

President John Croft welcomed Chris Bryan-Smith, who runs a business called Safehouse Manned Security and previously participated in pop music production.

Meanwhile, members of Cambrian Rotary Club have been showing their community spirit by getting involved in a project outside Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

The club has been helping refurbish a roundabout outside the main entrance to the hospital.

Meanwhile, a homebuilder has donated 25 key safes to a community project run by the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club.

David Wilson Homes Mercia has provided the

**Report by Naomi Penrose**

key boxes to the 'Oystesters', a group of volunteers that act as helping hands for the elderly and vulnerable in Oswestry. The homebuilder is currently building two, three, four and five bedroom homes at the Montgomery Place development on Morda Road in Oswestry.

Mike Lade, president of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club, said: "We are very grateful to David Wilson Homes for the donation of 25 key safes for our volunteers and members to fit for the elderly and vulnerable residents of Oswestry as part of our 'Keeping Oswestry Safe' initiative."

"The key safes are so useful when our folk accidentally find they have locked themselves out, but the main advantage is when residents have been taken ill or have had an accident in the home and can't get to the door once help has been called. By giving the four-digit code to the ambulance service, the doctor or nurse can then access the property swiftly and damage free".

Steve Barton, senior sales manager at David Wilson Homes Mercia, said: "We always look at ways we can work with the community where we are building new homes."



Jill Livingstone receives the cheque from Mike Griffiths, right, watched by Peter Hill



The roundabout work is just about finished



John Croft welcomes Chris Bryan-Smith to the Borderland Rotary Club

## Officer gives his views on parking issue

HOUSING developments without adequate parking facilities and an increase in car ownership have contributed to a village's problems with vehicles parking on pavements, it has been said.

Inspector Nigel Morgan, who represents the North Shropshire policing area, has responded to concerns raised by Weston Rhyn Parish Council regarding the issue.

It comes after Councillor Ralph Cooper, parish council chairman, called for action claiming the problem had been a worry among residents in the village near Oswestry for around 12 months.

Inspector Morgan pledged that the police will continue to support the council in tackling the problem but also reminded councillors officers had to weigh up the issue when dealing with other incidents that might present a risk of harm to members of the public.

He said: "The issue of cars being parked on the pavement is one which you identify as a problem throughout the parish, with certain locations being of particular concern. I have spoken with both the police officers and PCSOs that represent your local policing team and they confirm this issue has been previously raised and they have offered advice and support where appropriate.

"I am under absolutely no illusion that the increase in car ownership over recent years will have impacted on your parish, this coupled with housing developments without sufficient parking facilities only adds to the problem."

Councillor Cooper said: "Parking on pavements shouldn't be happening full stop. Not only can it be dangerous, it's just selfish and shows some people clearly don't have any care for others."

## Farm union has new home

FARMERS in Montgomeryshire have been reminded their local Farmers' Union of Wales county office now has a new home and is open for business.

The modern new premises are located at Unit 2, St Giles Business Park, which is located on Pool Road, Newtown. The new office is disabled access friendly and offers free parking as well.

From its local office in Newtown, the FUU provides specialist advice to members on agricultural matters, consults and communicates with members at local level and across Wales and comments on and helps to formulate policies in relation to farming matters.

Emyr Wyn Davies, the FUU's Montgomeryshire county executive officer, said: "We look forward to welcoming our current members and of course any potential new members to the new premises. The opening of our new office is a new chapter in the county and we look forward to continue in providing valuable services to the farming community." The FUU is a democratic organisation and has 11 standing committees, including animal health and welfare, milk and dairy produce, livestock, education and training, diversification and the Younger Voice for Farming Committee, with democratically elected farmer representatives covering the union's 12 county branches.

## School praised by inspectors

A PRIMARY school has received a good rating from an education watchdog.

Ysgol Dyffryn Banw in Llangadfan has been praised by Estyn inspectors following its latest inspection in September.

Inspectors said the quality of teaching was "robust" and most pupils made "good progress" during their time there.

The report states: "Nearly all pupils across the school show a good level of motivation and perseverance in their work. 'Nearly all pupils are very well-behaved

"An ethos of respect, responsibility and care is a strong element of school life."

The school's leadership team were also praised for having "a clear vision that focuses well on raising standards and ensuring pupils' wellbeing".

Inspectors also put forward a number of recommendations in order for the school to improve further.

These include providing more opportunities for pupils to apply their numeracy skills regularly across the curriculum.

# Wellness centre opens as business expands



A wellness centre has opened at Bryn Tanat Hall at Llansantffraid

SIX years of research and planning has culminated in the opening of a wellness centre in the countryside on the Shropshire/Powys border.

Susan Martin and her family have expanded their five-star short break accommodation programme at Bryn Tanat Hall, Llansantffraid,

to provide four-day packages based on good health and wellbeing.

The new business venture tackles physical, mental and emotional wellbeing with functional medicine its heart.

A team of experts provide advice on weight



Susan Martin and her family at Bryn Tanat Hall at Llansantffraid

management, stress management, detoxification, wellness in the workplace and autoimmune diseases.

"I've spent more than six years researching cutting edge developments in health and nutrition to provide a personalised approach to

good health and wellbeing," said Mrs Martin. "In very basic terms, our therapists will address the cause, rather than just the symptom supporting optimum wellbeing through diet, exercise and other evidence-based therapies", she added.

# Images show the scale of water firm's operations



The dam at Llyn Clywedog dominates the immediate landscape



The dam at Llyn Clywedog is a striking sight for miles around

Report by Toby Neal

**GLUG, glug, glug. All that work, all that effort – and all down the drain!**

But as these stunning images show, there is much more to Severn Trent Water than the stuff that comes out of your tap.

It is an operation that stretches from the valleys and reservoirs of Mid Wales, to not far short of the North Sea – Scunthorpe to be precise – on the other side of the British mainland, and as far south as the Bristol Channel. It involves buildings and structures of beauty and distinction, and some other buildings and structures where aesthetics play second fiddle to functionality.

Severn Trent has released the photos to update its portfolio of corporate images and to bring home the range of its work, showing off its key assets across its vast patch including reservoirs, water treatment works, sewage treatment works, and anaerobic digestion plants.

Llyn Clywedog, west of Llanidloes, is one of the company's most striking visitor sites, with a 72 metre (236ft) high dam, which is one of Britain's largest concrete structures, holding back 50,000 megalitres of water. It is not directly linked to the water supply network. Its role is to regulate the flow of water to the River Severn during the winter, and to ensure a minimum flow during the summer.

Despite its name, Lake Vyrnwy, west of Llanfyllin, is another man-made reservoir and is just under 12 miles long. In creating it in late Victorian times, the village of Llanwddyn was submerged and the villagers moved out – including the remains of the dead in the churchyard. A new settlement was created lower down the valley by the Liverpool Corporation.



The dam at Lake Vyrnwy is a spectacular sight



Clywedog Reservoir offers incredible views of the Mid Wales countryside

# The mysterious woodcock stays hidden from view

ALONG with the first snows of the winter, we have recently also been battered by strong winds.

These conditions are difficult for animals, especially those seeking shelter from the elements and those who must fly to move.

Being close to the ground and able to feed above and below the surface, seem like a good set of circumstances to behold at this time of the year. Add to that the fact that as the last of the stubborn stalks of nettle and grass are mostly flattened and the low shrubs at their most desolate, this week's animal is potentially at its most visible now.

The woodcock is a large bulky wading bird with short legs, and a very long straight tapering bill. It is largely nocturnal, spending most of the day in dense cover.

When it does venture out in daylight, it can be described as crepuscular, meaning it only does so at dawn and dusk. It is perhaps the best camouflaged of all our birds and is superbly coloured. I for one find it very difficult to paint!

Most of our Salopian woodcocks are residents but at this time of the year, we welcome in migrants from Finland and Russia to winter here. Known as the 'snipe of the woods', it is perhaps with this bird (the snipe), that it is easiest to confuse a woodcock with.

Usually your being in either a wetland habitat or drier woodland one will help you distinguish the species. However I've always found it a bit tricky where I live in Cockshutt (literally translating as: 'a place where woodcock can be shot') for the woods merge seamlessly with the mere and we have both species present.

Seeing as you usually stumble on a woodcock before seeing it, the only glimpse you

## ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



get is a blurred rush of cryptically camouflaged feathers: a mysterious and gorgeous animal. One of the enduring facts (although it's easy to call it a 'myth') is that when threatened, the female woodcock can leave the ground and carry her chicks between her legs with the tail acting as a support.

She is also reported to be able to hold them in her claws or on her back while flying, though this is rarely witnessed.

Although dense undergrowth means this species is seldom if ever seen by people in their lifetime, the male's breeding display flight, known as roding, is when we have a better chance of seeing them in less than Arctic conditions. In April and June the male will patrol a large area, flying with rapid wing beats over the tree line, overlapping with other males as they compete to attract the attention of females.

In the UK, the early arrival of migrant woodcock in autumn was said to mean a good harvest, especially if they stayed until spring and the bird has been hunted and eaten since Roman times.

Its pin feathers (at the base of the leading primary on each wing) were used widely for various purposes including drawing the gold stripe down the side of a Rolls-Royce car.

However these days the conservation of the species should be of a higher priority in people's minds than the killing of them.

It is in serious decline across its range and it appears that recreational disturbance, drying out of woodlands, increased



The woodcock is a master of camouflage. Photo by Boro Barrister.

browsing by deer and the general declining woodland management are all to blame. I

to paint my next portrait of one.

The Art Vaults in Fish Street, Shrewsbury is showing some of Ben's paintings.

## Council housing will use local wood materials

NEW council homes in Powys will be built and fitted out using local, sustainable wood materials in the future.

As part of the Homegrown Homes initiative Powys County Council's Cabinet adopted the Wood Encouragement Policy which looks to make better use of natural resources and create local employment opportunities.

The Wood Encouragement Policy sets out that all new council housing projects will look to use wood as the preferred material for both construction and fit out purposes.

This pioneering approach has been developed as part of the Homegrown Homes Partnership which was set up to encourage forestry and product manufacturing, retain and create new jobs and build better, and more energy efficient houses.

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, cabinet member for housing said: "Adopting the Wood Encouragement Policy demonstrates our support for the Homegrown Homes project, highlights local timber as a sustainable building product and recognises the value of the forestry and timber industry to the economy of Powys."

"The forest and wood products industry is extremely important to employment and economic development in rural areas and the Homegrown Homes project provides a great opportunity for us to lead the way to help build a skilled, resilient and sustainable county."

Woodknowledge Wales, champions the development of wood-based industries for increased prosperity and well-being in Wales and has provided support on the Powys project.

Tabitha Binding of Woodknowledge Wales said: "We are delighted to support Powys County Council to deliver this exciting and unique timber sector development project. Powys, as Wales's largest county has ample land for timber production, existing sawmill capacity and a track record of timber framed manufacturing. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop and expand the forestry, wood processing and timber construction sectors, maximising community, economic and environmental benefits. The adoption of the UK first Wood Encouragement Policy in Powys is further demonstration of Powys commitment and leadership and is a shot in the arm for local businesses." The Homegrown Homes Partnership brings together Powys County Council's Housing and Regeneration Services, the Welsh Local Government Association, Community Housing Cymru and Natural Resources Wales, along with local social housing providers, Wales and West Housing Association, Grwp Cynefin, Mid-Wales Housing, Newydd Housing Group, Pobl Group, Pennaf Housing Group and Melin Homes.



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**Live Six Nations Rugby Union**  
*2pm*  
Scotland v Ireland (Kick-off 2.25pm). The tournament gets under way at Murrayfield. The nations met on the final weekend of the competition last season, with Ireland moving above the Scots in the table courtesy of their 35-25 victory at the Aviva Stadium.



**QI XL**  
*9pm*  
Guests Lucy Porter, Frankie Boyle and Ross Noble join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme 'next' in this extended episode. The questions are so difficult points are awarded for the answers its questionmaster finds most interesting.



**The Voice UK**  
*8pm*  
The spinning-chair singing content's Blind Audition phase continues into its fifth week, as coaches Will.i.am, Jennifer Hudson, Tom Jones and Gavin Rossdale hunt for the nation's next singing superstar and competition to claim the left-over spots will be as fierce as ever.



**Great Canal Journeys**  
*8pm*  
Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on a journey into their pasts via the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. Along the way, they visit the country's last surviving steam-powered textile mill, meander through the 'curlies'.



**NCIS**  
*8pm*  
Abby visits a pharmaceutical lab to investigate a murder case, but when armed men storm the facility and hold everyone hostage, she is trapped within the building with no means of communicating with the outside world. Crime drama, starring Pauley Perrette, Mark Harmon and David McCallum.

| BBC1  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 6.00  | <b>Breakfast.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.00 | <b>Saturday Kitchen Live.</b> Sophie Ellis-Bextor joins Donal Skehan as he invites former Masterchef: The Professionals finalist Marianne Lumb and chef Jon Rotherham to cook in the kitchen.                          |
| 11.30 | <b>The Best Dishes Ever.</b> Ainsley Harriott selects a range of dishes featuring different types of cheese, including a mozzarella recipe by James Martin, and Mary Berry's blue cheese and goat's cheese tart. (R)   |
| 12.00 | <b>Football Focus.</b> Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's matches, which include Chelsea v Arsenal and Leicester City v Manchester United in the Premier League.                                        |
| 1.00  | <b>BBC News;</b> Weather.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1.15  | <b>Six Nations Preview.</b> John Inverdale looks ahead to this year's tournament, which begins with England as holders and gets under way this afternoon with Scotland v Ireland at Murrayfield.                       |
| 2.00  | <b>Live Six Nations Rugby Union.</b> Scotland v Ireland (Kick-off 2.25pm). The tournament gets under way at Murrayfield, where John Inverdale introduces coverage of a fixture Ireland have dominated in recent years. |
| 4.30  | <b>Final Score.</b> Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news.                                                                                                            |
| 5.30  | <b>BBC News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 5.40  | <b>Midlands Today;</b> Weather.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5.50  | <b>Pointless Celebrities.</b> Brix Smith-Start, Jonathan Phang, Amy Childs, Sam Faiers, Grace Woodward, Brendan Courtney, Lee Stafford and Nicky Clarke all take part in the unorthodox quiz show. (R)                 |
| 6.40  | <b>Let It Shine.</b> Lulu joins the judging panel as the contestants perform in groups for the first time, collaborating with Olly Murs, Kaiser Chiefs, Melanie C, Bustled or Beverley Knight.                         |
| 8.25  | <b>Casualty.</b> Charlie goes missing following his stag party, forcing a hung-over Ethan and Cal to retrace their steps and locate their groom in time for his wedding.                                               |
| 9.15  | <b>Taboo.</b> James Delaney is blackmailed into accepting a deadly mission, while his brother-in-law Thomas pushes his seething jealousy into a vicious and spiritual realm.                                           |
| 10.15 | <b>BBC News;</b> Weather; <b>National Lottery Update.</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10.30 | <b>Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge and Crystal Palace v Sunderland at Selhurst Park.                  |
| 12.00 | <b>The NFL Show.</b> Mark Chapman is joined by former Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to look ahead to Super Bowl LI, which takes place tomorrow night at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.                                  |
| 12.35 | <b>FILM: Disconnect (2012).</b> The complex lives of several strangers are made far more problematic by the technology they use to communicate. Ensemble drama, starring Jason Bateman.                                |
| 2.25  | <b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2.30  | <b>BBC News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| BBC2  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 6.50  | <b>FILM: Lady Luck (1946).</b> A woman descended from a long line of gamblers attempts to keep her husband on the straight and narrow. Romantic comedy, starring Robert Young.                                                             |
| 8.25  | <b>FILM: School for Scoundrels (1960).</b> A timid company owner enrolls at a college that teaches life's losers how to be devious and plans to get even with his enemies. Comedy, starring Ian Carmichael and Terry-Thomas.               |
| 10.00 | <b>Britain's Secret Seas.</b> Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, south Wales and Devon. (R)                                              |
| 11.00 | <b>Homes Under the Hammer.</b> Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts visit a two-bedroom house in Staffordshire, a flat in London and a property in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. (R)                                                        |
| 12.00 | <b>A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt.</b> The Hairy Biker visits north Africa. (R)                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1.00  | <b>FILM: The Importance of Being Earnest (2002).</b> Two bachelors using the same pseudonym capture the hearts of a couple of girls – but their deception leads to confusion. Oscar Wilde comedy, starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. |
| 2.30  | <b>Natural World.</b> Two years in the lives of a cheetah mother and her cubs. (R)                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3.30  | <b>The World's Most Extraordinary Homes.</b> A house in Canada inspired by two ships in dry dock. (R)                                                                                                                                      |
| 4.30  | <b>Mastermind.</b> The third semi-final. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5.00  | <b>University Challenge.</b> The third of the quarter-final matches. (R)                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5.30  | <b>Only Connect.</b> The Psmiths and the Oscar Men compete. (R)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6.00  | <b>Live Davis Cup Tennis.</b> Canada v Great Britain. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the doubles rubber on day two of the World Group first-round tie at The Arena at TD Place, Ottawa.                                                 |
| 8.30  | <b>Dad's Army.</b> A major decides Corporal Jones is too old to be in the Home Guard, asking him to prove his worth by completing an assault course. Comedy, starring Clive Dunn. (R)                                                      |
| 9.00  | <b>QI XL.</b> Guests Lucy Porter, Frankie Boyle and Ross Noble join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme "next" in this extended episode.                                                         |
| 9.45  | <b>FILM: The Falling (2014).</b> Premiere. A 1960s girls' school is struck by a sudden death, which leads to an outbreak of mass hysteria among the students. Drama, starring Maisie Williams and Maxine Peake.                            |
| 11.25 | <b>FILM: Julie &amp; Julia (2009).</b> Biopic telling the stories of 1960s American chef Julia Child and modern-day blogger Julie Powell, who tries to emulate her heroine in the kitchen. With Meryl Streep and Amy Adams.                |
| 1.20  | <b>FILM: In Darkness (2011).</b> A sewer worker in German-occupied Poland helps Jews hide from the Nazis in the underground tunnels. Fact-based drama, starring Robert Wlcekiewicz and Benno Furrmann.                                     |
| 3.35  | <b>This Is BBC2.</b> Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.                                                                                                                                                                             |

| ITV   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 6.00  | <b>CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6.10  | <b>Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.25  | <b>Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 6.45  | <b>Sooty</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6.55  | <b>Signed Stories: Share a Story</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7.00  | <b>Super 4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 7.15  | <b>Oddbods</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 7.20  | <b>Oddbods</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 7.30  | <b>Scrambled!: Scrambled!</b> Two hours of children's fun.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7.35  | <b>Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.</b> The bumbling buffoon buys a pet. (R)                                                                                                                                        |
| 7.50  | <b>Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.</b> Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8.10  | <b>Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go!</b> The teenage superheroes fight to save the world. (R)                                                                                                                                      |
| 8.30  | <b>Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School.</b> Children are taught to survive in the wild.                                                                                                                                  |
| 9.05  | <b>Scrambled!: Adventure Time.</b> Fun for children. (R)                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.25  | <b>ITV News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9.30  | <b>Rebound.</b> Quiz, hosted by Sean Fletcher. (R)                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10.25 | <b>Guess This House.</b> Two more couples compete to win £2,000. (R)                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11.25 | <b>Justice Rinder.</b> Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12.30 | <b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12.40 | <b>River Monsters.</b> Jeremy Wade investigates accounts of a 20-foot Canadian lake monster. (R)                                                                                                                             |
| 1.10  | <b>Tipping Point.</b> Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.15  | <b>Dance Dance Dance.</b> The contestants perform routines by Bruno Mars, Beyonce and Justin Bieber. (R)                                                                                                                     |
| 3.45  | <b>ITV News Central;</b> Weather.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3.55  | <b>ITV News and Weather.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4.10  | <b>Live Six Nations Rugby Union.</b> England v France (Kick-off 4.50pm).                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7.00  | <b>Ninja Warrior UK.</b> Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara.                                   |
| 8.00  | <b>The Voice UK.</b> The Blind Audition phase continues into its fifth week, as coaches Will.i.am, Jennifer Hudson, Tom Jones and Gavin Rossdale hunt for the nation's next singing superstar.                               |
| 9.30  | <b>Through the Keyhole.</b> Cold Feet actor John Thomson, Coronation Street star Kym Marsh and presenter Stephen Mulhern try to guess which three stars' homes Keith Lemon has invaded.                                      |
| 10.30 | <b>ITV News and Weather;</b> Weather.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10.45 | <b>FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004).</b> The amnesiac assassin is framed for a botched CIA operation and faces a fight for survival as he tries to uncover his past. Action thriller sequel, with Matt Damon and Brian Cox. |
| 12.40 | <b>Jackpot247.</b> Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.                            |
| 3.00  | <b>Who's Doing the Dishes?</b> Game show where four diners try to guess the identity of a mystery celebrity host who is holding a dinner party, with the aim of winning a cash prize. (R)                                    |
| 3.50  | <b>ITV Nightscreen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Channel 4 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 6.20      | <b>The King of Queens.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6.45      | <b>The King of Queens.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7.10      | <b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7.35      | <b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8.00      | <b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> The gift of a personalised toaster leaves Ray's parents less than impressed. (R)                                                                                                                           |
| 8.30      | <b>Frasier.</b> The Crane brothers believe they may be descended from Russian royalty. (R)                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9.00      | <b>Frasier.</b> The shrink's obituary is published prematurely. (R)                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9.30      | <b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> Sheldon applies for a one-way mission to colonise Mars. (R)                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10.00     | <b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.25     | <b>The Big Bang Theory.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.50     | <b>The Simpsons.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11.20     | <b>The Simpsons.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11.50     | <b>Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast.</b> With guest Scarlett Moffatt. (R)                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12.55     | <b>Come Dine with Me.</b> The first of a week of dinner parties in Peterborough. (R)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1.25      | <b>Come Dine with Me.</b> In Peterborough, Christine hopes her vegetarian cuisine will land the prize. (R)                                                                                                                                 |
| 1.55      | <b>Come Dine with Me.</b> Mobile hairdresser Ben plans a gourmet night in Peterborough. (R)                                                                                                                                                |
| 2.25      | <b>Come Dine with Me.</b> Fridge salesman Gregory serves up a Spanish menu in Peterborough. (R)                                                                                                                                            |
| 2.55      | <b>Come Dine with Me.</b> Fiery Brazilian Rosie hosts the final meal in Peterborough. (R)                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3.25      | <b>A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun.</b> Good friends looking for a holiday apartment near Barcelona. (R)                                                                                                                                    |
| 4.30      | <b>Location, Location, Location.</b> Kirstie Allsopp goes property hunting in the suburb of Heaton in Newcastle. (R)                                                                                                                       |
| 5.30      | <b>Grand Designs.</b> A couple with a passion for steam-bending wood construct a home in South Cornwall. (R)                                                                                                                               |
| 6.30      | <b>Channel 4 News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7.00      | <b>Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages.</b> Penelope visits North Yorkshire, to take in Cracoe, the village featured in the film Calendar Girls, and Goathland, where she witnesses a Viking sword dance. (R)                                 |
| 8.00      | <b>Great Canal Journeys.</b> Timothy West and Prunella Scales embark on a journey into their pasts via the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. Last in the series. (R)                            |
| 9.00      | <b>FILM: A Million Ways to Die in the West (2014).</b> Premiere. A timid farmer tries to become a gunslinging Wild West hero to impress a mysterious woman. Western spoof, directed by and starring Seth MacFarlane, with Charlize Theron. |
| 11.15     | <b>FILM: Van Helsing (2004).</b> A vampire slayer sets out to help a gypsy princess vanquish Count Dracula and his three brides once and for all. Gothic action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Beckinsale.                      |
| 1.40      | <b>The Last Leg.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2.35      | <b>Hollyoaks.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.45      | <b>Win It Cook It.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5.15      | <b>Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Channel 5 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 6.00      | <b>Milkshake!</b> Milkshake! Monkey                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6.05      | <b>Milkshake! Bop Box</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.10      | <b>Peppa Pig</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 6.15      | <b>Wanda and the Alien</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6.25      | <b>Bob the Builder</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6.35      | <b>Angelina Ballerina</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.50      | <b>Zack and Quack</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.00      | <b>Seaside Antics</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.05      | <b>Fireman Sam</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 7.20      | <b>Pip Ahoy!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7.30      | <b>Little Princess</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7.45      | <b>Paw Patrol</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8.00      | <b>Blaze and the Monster Machines</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8.25      | <b>Noddy in Toyland</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8.40      | <b>Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8.55      | <b>Shimmer and Shine</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9.20      | <b>Peppa Pig</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9.30      | <b>Peppa Pig</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9.40      | <b>Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9.55      | <b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10.30     | <b>FILM: Kelly's Heroes (1970).</b> Second World War adventure, starring Clint Eastwood.                                                                                                                                        |
| 1.10      | <b>Police Interceptors.</b> A speeding driver is clocked at over 140mph. (R)                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2.10      | <b>Police Interceptors.</b> A high-speed pursuit through Lincoln city centre. (R)                                                                                                                                               |
| 3.10      | <b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> Disputes between people whose houses border each other. (R)                                                                                                                           |
| 4.10      | <b>The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.</b> Highlights recalling the most shocking cases from the show's history. (R)                                                                                                             |
| 5.10      | <b>Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords.</b> A Yorkshire landlord calls in eviction specialists. (R)                                                                                                                               |
| 6.10      | <b>Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.</b> Repossession experts Mike Allonby and Terry Jones roam the streets, looking for cars belonging to people with outstanding unpaid loans, while a taxi driver is evicted from his home. (R) |
| 7.05      | <b>NCIS: Los Angeles.</b> The team investigates when a naval seaman and an infamous arms dealer are found dead near the Mexican border.                                                                                         |
| 8.00      | <b>NCIS.</b> Abby visits a pharmaceutical lab to investigate a murder case, but when armed men storm the facility and hold everyone hostage, she finds herself trapped within the building.                                     |
| 8.55      | <b>5 News Weekend.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9.00      | <b>Football on 5: The Championship.</b> Action from the latest fixtures, which included Bristol City v Rotherham United, Ipswich Town v Reading, and Nottingham Forest v Aston Villa.                                           |
| 10.00     | <b>Football on 5: Goal Rush.</b> George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the latest matches in Leagues One and Two, including Shrewsbury Town v Bury, and Cambridge United v Plymouth Argyle.             |
| 10.30     | <b>Britain's Biggest Armed Robbery.</b> The Brinks Mat heist of 1983, the country's biggest and most notorious armed robbery, which caused the price of gold to soar and sent ripples through the criminal underworld.          |
| 11.30     | <b>Police Interceptors: Takedown.</b> Vinnie Jones joins up with officers from two forces, witnessing the Dragoon Unit deal with an illegal driver who sees red when his car is seized. (R)                                     |
| 12.00     | <b>SuperCasino.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.10      | <b>Celebrity Botched Up Bodies.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4.00      | <b>My Mum's Hotter Than Me!</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4.50      | <b>House Doctor.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5.20      | <b>Nick's Quest.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5.40      | <b>Angels of Jarm.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5.50      | <b>Roary the Racing Car.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                |



**Still Open All Hours**  
7.30pm  
Granville considers advertising and opens a delivery point for internet shopping. A particularly large order gives him an idea for how Gastric can find a way to impress Madge, who is in a foul mood. Eric desperately needs Eroy's help after Kath finds a stocking in his pocket. Last in the series.



**Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week**  
9pm  
The contestants undergo training by a Polish military officer for the second stage of the challenge. The process begins with a simple fitness test, followed by an exercise in the mountains that forces the recruits to go without sleep for 36 hours.



**Dance Dance Dance**  
6.30pm  
Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the semi-final of the celebrity dance contest. To win a place in the final, each contestant must give a solo and a duo performance, recreating dance routines made famous in music videos by artists including Rihanna, Michael Jackson and Sia.



**Homeland**  
9pm  
Saul ventures to Abu Dhabi, and Carrie is forced to deliver bad news. Meanwhile, Quinn suspects something is amiss. Guest starring Dominic Fumusa (Nurse Jackie), alongside Claire Danes, Rupert Friend, Elizabeth Marvel, F Murray Abraham and Mandy Patinkin.



**When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong**  
9pm  
Memorable on-air hitches, including presenter Sarah Cawood recalling the time The National Lottery Jetset studio was invaded by Fathers for Justice protestors, Bucks Fizz star Cheryl Baker offering insight into Eurovision's most off-key moments.

| BBC1  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 6.00  | <b>Breakfast.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7.25  | <b>Match of the Day.</b> Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge and Crystal Palace v Sunderland at Selhurst Park. (R)                              |
| 9.00  | <b>The Andrew Marr Show.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10.00 | <b>The Big Questions.</b> Nicky Campbell presents moral and religious discussions on topical issues from Oasis Academy, Lord's Hill, Southampton.                                                                                      |
| 11.00 | <b>Sunday Politics West Midlands.</b> The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.                                                                                                       |
| 12.15 | <b>Bargain Hunt.</b> From Peterborough. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1.00  | <b>BBC News;</b> Weather.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1.15  | <b>Homes Under the Hammer.</b> Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a semi-detached house in south London, a corner-terrace in Blackpool and a three-bedroomed house in Northumberland. (R)                            |
| 2.15  | <b>Wanted Down Under.</b> A family samples life in Melbourne. (R)                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2.45  | <b>Escape to the Country.</b> Searching for a rural retreat in Somerset. (R)                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3.30  | <b>Songs of Praise.</b> An episode marking the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen.                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.05  | <b>Spy in the Wild.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5.05  | <b>Spy in the Wild.</b> Animals getting up to all sorts of mischief. (R)                                                                                                                                                               |
| 6.05  | <b>BBC News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.20  | <b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6.30  | <b>Countryfile.</b> An episode focused on birds, in which Matt Baker visits an RSPB reserve for pink-footed geese in Norfolk and Helen Skelton goes in search of flocks of starlings in Cumbria. Including weather for the week ahead. |
| 7.30  | <b>Still Open All Hours.</b> Granville opens a delivery point for internet shopping, and a particularly large order gives him an idea for how Gastric can find a way to impress Madge. Last in the series.                             |
| 8.00  | <b>Call the Midwife.</b> The government plans to close down small hospitals in favour of larger establishments. Dr Turner and Shelagh prepare for an inspection that will decide the maternity home's fate.                            |
| 9.00  | <b>Apple Tree Yard.</b> Yvonne is arrested for murder. She soon comes to realise that everything Costley told her was a lie – and that he is the only person who can keep her out of prison. Concludes tomorrow.                       |
| 10.00 | <b>BBC News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10.20 | <b>Midlands Today; Weather.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10.30 | <b>Match of the Day 2.</b> Gabby Logan reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Leicester City v Manchester United at the King Power Stadium and Manchester City v Swansea City at the Etihad Stadium.                       |
| 11.20 | <b>NFL Live: Super Bowl 51.</b> New England Patriots v Atlanta Falcons (Kick-off 11.30pm). Coverage of the showpiece match from NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.                                                                         |
| 4.00  | <b>Weather for the Week Ahead.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4.05  | <b>BBC News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| BBC2  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 6.00  | <b>A to Z of TV Gardening.</b> Carol Kirkwood looks at themes beginning with the letter A. (R)                                                                                                                          |
| 6.45  | <b>Big Dreams Small Spaces.</b> An Essex woman with ideas of having a "dream-like" garden. (R)                                                                                                                          |
| 7.45  | <b>An Island Parish: Anguilla.</b> Bishop Brooks checks on church renovations on neighbouring St Barths. (R)                                                                                                            |
| 8.15  | <b>The Edible Garden.</b> Growing herbs and flowers. (R)                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8.45  | <b>Countryfile.</b> Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison present from the Peak District. (R)                                                                                                                                   |
| 9.45  | <b>Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.</b> John Torode presents highlights of the series.                                                                                                                                      |
| 11.15 | <b>Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11.45 | <b>Nigellissima.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12.15 | <b>MOTD2 Extra.</b> Will Perry presents football discussion.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1.00  | <b>Live Netball.</b> England v Australia (Centre-pass 1.00pm).                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2.45  | <b>Nitro Athletics: Usain Bolt Takes on the World.</b> Action from the inaugural staging of the event.                                                                                                                  |
| 3.45  | <b>Money for Nothing.</b> Rescuing items from the skip in Altrincham, Greater Manchester. (R)                                                                                                                           |
| 4.30  | <b>Flog It!</b> The show comes from the deck of Victorian ship HMS Warrior. (R)                                                                                                                                         |
| 5.15  | <b>Ski Sunday.</b> Including the Big Air competition from Innsbruck, Austria.                                                                                                                                           |
| 6.00  | <b>Six Nations Rugby Union.</b> John Inverdale introduces action from the opening weekend of the tournament, featuring Scotland v Ireland, England v France and Italy v Wales.                                          |
| 7.00  | <b>City in the Sky.</b> Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground, meeting air traffic controllers at the world's busiest airport. Last in the series. (R)         |
| 8.00  | <b>Dragons' Den.</b> The panel assess the profit-making potential of a plan for teaching children languages, a security gadget for patio doors, a device for the hard of hearing and a range of soup.                   |
| 9.00  | <b>Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week.</b> The contestants are trained by a Polish military officer, whose methods include forcing exhausted recruits to do origami to demonstrate their ability to focus their minds. |
| 10.00 | <b>Live at the Apollo.</b> Sitcom star and The Last Leg regular Josh Widdicombe welcomes Londoner Nathan Caton and Australian comic Celia Pacquola to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)                     |
| 10.45 | <b>Women's Six Nations Highlights.</b> Action from the opening round of fixtures in this year's competition, which featured Scotland v Ireland, Italy v Wales, and England v France.                                    |
| 11.15 | <b>Davis Cup Tennis.</b> Canada v Great Britain. Sue Barker presents action from the concluding singles rubbers on day three of the World Group first-round tie at The Arena at TD Place, Ottawa. (R)                   |
| 12.45 | <b>Sign Zone: Question Time.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1.45  | <b>Sign Zone: Holby City.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2.45  | <b>This is BBC2.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| ITV   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 6.00  | <b>CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6.10  | <b>Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 6.25  | <b>Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.45  | <b>Sooty</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6.55  | <b>Signed Stories: Share a Story</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7.00  | <b>Super 4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.15  | <b>Oddbods</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.20  | <b>Oddbods</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.30  | <b>Scrambled!: Scrambled!</b> Two hours of children's fun.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 7.35  | <b>Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series.</b> A day on the beach turns into a desperate struggle. (R)                                                                                                                 |
| 7.50  | <b>Scrambled!: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors.</b> Spidey seeks to recruit Dagger as a New Warrior.                                                                                                                   |
| 8.20  | <b>Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.</b> Peter finds out that his favourite author lives just down the road. (R)                                                                                                                 |
| 8.45  | <b>Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go!</b> The teenage superheroes fight to save the world. (R)                                                                                                                                  |
| 9.05  | <b>Scrambled!: Adventure Time.</b> Fun for children. (R)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9.25  | <b>Countrywise: Guide to Britain.</b> Ben Fogle tries his hand at competitive sheep shearing in north Wales. (R)                                                                                                         |
| 10.00 | <b>Peston on Sunday.</b> Political magazine.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10.55 | <b>Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy.</b> Gino D'Acampo explores the central region of Umbria. (R)                                                                                                                     |
| 11.25 | <b>The Voice UK.</b> The Blind Audition phase continues into its fifth week. (R)                                                                                                                                         |
| 12.55 | <b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1.00  | <b>Live Six Nations Rugby Union.</b> Italy v Wales (Kick-off 2.00pm).                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4.15  | <b>The Chase.</b> Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5.15  | <b>Ninja Warrior UK.</b> Competitors from across the UK test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. (R)                           |
| 6.15  | <b>ITV News and Weather.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6.30  | <b>Dance Dance Dance.</b> Alesha Dixon and Will Best host the semi-final, in which the dancers are challenged to perform solo and duo routines to music by artists including Rihanna, Michael Jackson and Sia.           |
| 8.00  | <b>Lion Country: Night and Day.</b> New series. Cameras follow two prides of lions in their territory of Zambia's South Luangwa National Park over the course of six months. A cub's curiosity gets the better of him.   |
| 9.00  | <b>The Good Karma Hospital.</b> New series. Medical drama about a junior doctor who leaves the UK to start a new life in South India, and finds a new calling at a hospital run by an eccentric English exp-at.          |
| 10.00 | <b>ITV News and Weather; Weather.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10.15 | <b>Peston on Sunday.</b> Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (R)                                                                                                                                             |
| 11.15 | <b>Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights.</b> David Flatman and Andy Goode present action from the fourth round of pool fixtures, including Cardiff Blues v Worcester Warriors, Northampton Saints v Scarlets, and Wasps v Ospreys. |
| 12.20 | <b>Jackpot247.</b> Interactive gaming.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3.00  | <b>Chopping Block.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3.50  | <b>ITV Nightscreen.</b> Text-based information service.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5.05  | <b>The Jeremy Kyle Show.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Channel 4 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 6.10      | <b>The King of Queens.</b> Doug admits he regularly lies. (R)                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 6.35      | <b>The King of Queens.</b> Danny gets a job as a delivery driver. (R)                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7.00      | <b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Ray makes a shocking discovery. (R)                                                                                                                                                              |
| 7.30      | <b>Everybody Loves Raymond.</b> Marie spurns Ray. (R)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7.55      | <b>Frasier.</b> Frederick visits for Thanksgiving. (R)                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8.25      | <b>Frasier.</b> Part one of two. A bout of back pain has unexpected consequences. (R)                                                                                                                                            |
| 8.55      | <b>Frasier.</b> Part two of two. Niles clashes with girlfriend Mel. (R)                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9.30      | <b>Sunday Brunch.</b> With Amanda Redman, Jonnie Peacock and Russell Brand.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12.30     | <b>George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.</b> George helps build a mobile home for a man with spinal muscular atrophy. (R)                                                                                                              |
| 1.30      | <b>The Simpsons.</b> A corporation buys Springfield Elementary School. (R)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2.00      | <b>The Simpsons.</b> Marge breaks her leg. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2.30      | <b>The Simpsons.</b> Bart becomes convinced he is a faith healer. (R)                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3.00      | <b>FILM: Step Up All In (2014).</b> Premiere. Dance drama, starring Ryan Guzman.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5.15      | <b>Channel 4 News.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5.45      | <b>FILM: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009).</b> Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo.                                                                                                                 |
| 7.30      | <b>The Jump.</b> New series. Davina McCall presents the celebrity winter sport show, with 14 famous faces competing in dangerous challenges, beginning with a parallel slalom race down a mountain.                              |
| 9.00      | <b>Homeland.</b> Saul ventures to Abu Dhabi, Carrie is forced to deliver bad news, and Quinn suspects something is amiss.                                                                                                        |
| 10.00     | <b>8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.</b> Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, as Jon Richardson and Jayde Adams take on Sean Lock and Joe Wilkinson. (R)                               |
| 11.00     | <b>FILM: Magic Mike (2012).</b> A veteran male stripper teaches a young dancer the tricks of the trade, and introduces him to a hedonistic lifestyle. Comedy drama, starring Channing Tatum and Matthew McConaughey.             |
| 1.10      | <b>How to Lose Weight Well.</b> Diet crashers Emma and Kaye have 10 days to slim down for a day at the races, and Emma tries out the baby food diet, consuming up to 14 jars of it a day. Last in the series. (R)                |
| 2.05      | <b>Britain's Billionaire Immigrants.</b> Focusing on China's elite who are obsessed with everything British and have the money to pay for it, from Savile Row suits to high society debutantes and million-pound racehorses. (R) |
| 3.00      | <b>Your Face Says It All.</b> Documentary revealing hidden secrets of the human face. (R)                                                                                                                                        |
| 3.55      | <b>Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.</b> Kirstie Allsopp tries out recipes for Cornish pasties and Yorkshire puddings. (R)                                                                                                           |
| 4.10      | <b>Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.</b> Helping a Whitley Bay couple sell their home. (R)                                                                                                                                             |

| Channel 5 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 6.00      | <b>Milkshake!</b> Milkshake! Monkey <b>6.05</b> Milkshake! Bop Box <b>6.10</b> Peppa Pig <b>6.15</b> Wanda and the Alien <b>6.25</b> Bob the Builder <b>6.35</b> Angelina Ballerina <b>6.50</b> Zack and Quack <b>7.00</b> Seaside Antics <b>7.05</b> Fireman Sam <b>7.20</b> Pip Ahoy! <b>7.30</b> Little Princess <b>7.50</b> Paw Patrol <b>8.00</b> Blaze and the Monster Machines <b>8.25</b> Noddy in Toyland <b>8.45</b> Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom <b>9.00</b> Shimmer and Shine <b>9.20</b> Peppa Pig <b>9.35</b> Peppa Pig <b>9.45</b> Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom |
| 9.55      | <b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.</b> The heroes crash on an alien planet. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.30     | <b>Football on 5: The Championship.</b> Action from the latest fixtures. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11.25     | <b>Football on 5: Goal Rush.</b> The latest matches from Leagues One and Two. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12.00     | <b>Benefit House: Me &amp; My 26 Kids.</b> Large families who depend on the benefits system. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1.00      | <b>Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.</b> Immigrants claiming welfare to support children back in their home countries. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2.00      | <b>Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.</b> People who have had their benefits cut or withheld since tougher sanctions began. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3.00      | <b>FILM: Leap Year (2010).</b> Romantic comedy, starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4.50      | <b>FILM: Around the World in 80 Days (2004).</b> Comedy adventure, starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7.05      | <b>FILM: Jackie Chan's The Medallion (2003).</b> A police officer gains superhuman powers and must save a magically gifted child from an evil crime lord. Comedy adventure, starring Jackie Chan, Lee Evans and Claire Forlani. Edited for violence. Includes 5 News Update at 8.05pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8.55      | <b>5 News Weekend.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9.00      | <b>When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong.</b> Memorable on-air hitches, including presenter Sarah Cawood recalling the time The National Lottery Jetset studio was invaded by Fathers for Justice protestors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12.05     | <b>Celebrity Botched Up Bodies.</b> Reality TV stars Laura Alicia Summers and Renee Graziano discuss their bad experiences with cosmetic surgery. Plus, a look at the changing appearance of Michael Douglas. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1.00      | <b>SuperCasino.</b> Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3.10      | <b>Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink.</b> A lad wakes up after a drunken night out with a "burger nipple". (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4.00      | <b>Criminals: Caught on Camera.</b> How CCTV footage helped police track down arsonists in Leicester. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.50      | <b>House Doctor.</b> A converted brewery lodge in the East End of London. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5.15      | <b>Nick's Quest.</b> Nick Baker swims with a great white shark. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5.40      | <b>Angels of Jarm.</b> Otto forgets to feed the class guinea pigs. (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5.50      | <b>Roary the Racing Car.</b> (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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## By Graham Breeze

On a recent test drive it soon became clear why the Type R has a worldwide cult following as it carries Honda's most extreme and high performing engine in the 22-year history of the red "H" badge.

Let's forget about CO2 emissions and miles per gallon, this car is all about speed. It's simply exhilarating and for me the most exciting car to drive in the hot-hatch sector – and probably the closest to super-car performance you'll get at the price.

So let's talk speed. This Honda has a reported top speed of 168mph and while the challenging road networks of Mid Wales were no place to put that claim to the test I was left in very little doubt that those bosses at Honda are telling the truth.

## Roar

For the enthusiast there can be no better sound than the roar of the 310ps engine racing from 0-62mph in just 5.7 seconds with the front end never threatening to lose grip. I just couldn't get the smile off my face.

The Type R boasts a new four point adaptive damper system which means continuous independent control of each wheel, producing outstanding road holding – essential for a car producing so much glorious power.

The Honda just cries out to be pushed to the limit and is perfectly matched to Honda's renowned six speed manual gearbox to

produce the sweetest sounding engine note  
you could ever hope for.

With so much power on offer the suits at Honda needed to be sure they would attract the right market, so they made the Type R instantly recognisable – a car that simply stands out in any crowd.

They did it with a massive tail wing which generates downforce and helps keep you on the road at high speed, huge wheel arches housing gorgeous 19 inch alloys and aggressive aerodynamic styling. People don't just hear you coming they see you too.

## Vision

There's a downside to all that though. Rear vision is a real issue because of the huge tail wing and you can only seat two rear seat passengers who will soon be complaining about headroom. The boot space available is surprising though, just enough for to pass the golf clubs test.

The Type R GT on test would cost you £32,825 but as you would expect you get a lot for your money – not just speed.

There are automatic headlights and washers, remote power windows, parking sensors, dual zone climate control, electric door mirrors, and driver assistance safety packages. There's also a six speaker infotainment system through a 7 inch touchscreen containing an internet radio and app integration enabling internet browsing, Bluetooth and a rear parking camera. There's also rear privacy glass and a tinted tailgate window.

To keep you safe Honda has included all-round airbags, ABS, EBD, brake assist

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stability assist, hill-start assist and city-brake active system. You also get, blind spot information, cross traffic monitoring, forward collision warning, lane departure warning.

high beam support system and a traffic sign recognition system.

Just for the record Honda claims combined fuel figures of 38.7mpg – though you wouldn't

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# Scouting off-road for Skoda Kodiah

Skoda will launch a more rugged Scout version of its new Kodiah SUV at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

Set apart by silver-coloured details such as the front and rear skid plates and chrome window edging, as well as 19-inch alloy wheels, the newcomer is expected to hit the roads towards the end of 2017.

Inside, the Scout is based on the mid-range SE trim, with a multi-function steering wheel, Alcantara upholstery and rear parking sensors included as standard, along with Off-Road Assist and a selection of driving modes including Sport, Comfort and Snow configurations.

At the same time, Skoda will also reveal a Sportline version of the Kodiah with black trim accents and silver touches inside.

Both cars will be offered with a choice of four powertrains: two petrols and two diesels, all with four-wheel drive.

The basic unit will be the 1.4-litre petrol with 148bhp. As well as managing the 0-60mph sprint in 9.6 seconds, the engine will also achieve 41.5mpg on the combined cycle and 153g/km CO2 emissions.

The other petrol engine will be the 2.0-litre 178bhp four-cylinder, which is around two seconds faster to 60mph than its smaller stablemate, but also around 3mpg less efficient.

Diesel options are likely to constitute the most popular engines in the range, with the 2.0-litre 148bhp engine returning 53.3mpg despite being capable of beating the 1.4-litre petrol to 60mph.

The range will be capped off, though, by the 2.0-litre 178bhp engine, which hits 60mph in just under nine seconds and achieves 49.6mpg.

Besides the underbody protection, the Škoda Kodiah Scout is recognisable from the outside by the tinted rear window and rear side windows and silver-coloured details, creating a robust impression and highlighting



The car has short overhangs

the powerful character of the Czech manufacturer's new large SUV.

The radiator grille is framed by a silver-coloured trim. The roof rails, housing of the wing mirror, the side window trims as well as the front and rear underbody protection, which is positioned beneath the bumpers and visually split into three parts, are also silver.

The side view of each of the models is characterised by short overhangs, their sloping roofline that is visually extended by a line in the D-pillar, and the tapered rear. The car is also fitted as standard with 19-inch alloy wheels specially created for this model variant. Furthermore, it bears a small badge with the model designation on the front wing and the glove compartment.

The equipment and interior design are also tailored to the robust character. They are based on the SE trim level. The Kodiah Scout comes with Off-Road Assist, a Rough-Road package with underbody and engine protection as well as a front and rear Park Assist. The generous array of standard



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equipment includes Driving Mode Select (Eco, Comfort, Normal, Sport, Individual, Snow), which can be used to control the engine, automatic transmission, power steering and air conditioning. Snow mode adjusts the ABS, ASR, ACC (where present) systems and the engine management to the specific conditions of the snow-covered or slippery road.

Standard equipment in the interior includes a multifunction steering wheel, LED ambient lighting in ten colours, a Modular Infotainment Matrix (MIB) with eight speakers, Alcantara-covered seats with the Kodiah logo, door trims in the Alcantara design, steel pedals, textile floor mats and the Kodiah logo in the front door sills.

The Scout also feels at home on off-road

terrain. With a ground clearance of 194 mm, it can negotiate larger bumps with ease. It has a ramp angle of 19.7 degrees; the approach and departure angles are an impressive 22.0 and 23.1 degrees due to the short overhangs. In addition, the Rough-Road package, which comes as standard, protects against damage to the underbody, engine, brake and fuel lines as well as cables.

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## New 1.5 litre petrol 110bhp engine for the Toyota Yaris

The Toyota Yaris will soon be available with a new 1.5-litre, four-cylinder petrol engine, which will replace the existing 1.33-litre unit when it goes on sale.

The new engine produces 110bhp and 136Nm of torque, and allows the Yaris to sprint from 0-60mph in 10.8 seconds, as opposed to 11.6 seconds with the 1.33.

Toyota has developed the new engine in anticipation of forthcoming Euro 6c emissions standards, as well as Real Driving Emission homologation requirements.

Fuel consumption has also been improved, with the manufacturer saying the 1.5-litre engine reduces fuel use by up to 12 per cent under current NEDC test criteria.

A focus on improving consumption when travelling at motorway speeds has led engineers to use a water-cooled exhaust manifold for the new engine – the first time such a system has been used on a Toyota.

By restricting the gas temperature, the need for mixture enrichment to reduce the combustion temperature is removed at any motorway driving speed. Because of this, there's a reduction in both fuel consumption and tailpipe emissions.

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## Berriew maintain title push with a win

SECOND placed Berriew sustained the title pressure in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after emerging 4-2 victors against Llanidloes Town at Victoria Avenue.

The win avenged a recent Central Wales Cup defeat that ended a 17-match unbeaten run, and kept the Rhiewsidiers hard on the heels of leaders Rhayader Town.

Rich Davies gave the visitors the lead, which was increased by a stunning strike from ex-Llani player Karl Selaerts.

Gareth Owen pulled one back before the break, but goals from Matt Bumford and Ross Harris sealed the win, in between a reply from George Clarke.

Rhayader Town, who have played a game more, stayed three points clear at the top with an 8-1 romp at Machynlleth.

Two penalties from Tom Bethell put the Red Kites on course with Ifan Burrell making it three before half time.

After the break, Christian Jones added No4, with Burrell getting his second of the game to effectively wrap up the points.

Richie Powell then netted two quickfire goals and Rhys Thomas completed the home tally before Mach got a late consolation.

Third placed CARNO remain in the hunt after their 3-1 home success in difficult conditions against Radnor Valley. They are still 11 points adrift to the pacesetters, but have three games in hand.

**LLANRHAeadr**, trying to keep in touch with the leading pack, were given a jolt as they crashed 5-0 at home to Llandrinod Wells.

They started well enough with Marc Griffiths heading against the base of the post, but struggled to get into their stride after that as a clinical Llandod took their chances.

Darren Murphy scored twice for the visitors, with Robert Nicholls, Jonny Williams and Kieran McCauley also finding the net.

**WELSHPOOL**, in desperate need of points, picked up a useful 1-1 draw at Bow Street, a game which saw two red cards and eight yellows. Tom Williams was on the mark for Bow Street, with Pool responding from the penalty spot.

**MONTGOMERY** remain rock bottom, their 4-0 loss at Knighton Town extending their losing streak.

In division two, **FOUR CROSSES** continue to languish in basement trouble after slumping 3-1 at home to Newbridge, while Dyffryn Banw's clash at Borth United was postponed.

Aberystwyth University gained their first win of the year when overcoming Penybont 2-0 with goals in each half from Tristan Harris and sub Shaun Roberts.

High flying Kerry are three points clear at the top after winning 3-2 at Dolgellau who had been unbeaten at home.

All the goals came in the opening 20 minutes, Daryl McWatt netting a brace and Huw McGrath bagging a first goal of the season.

Elsewhere, Abermule notched a 2-1 success at Presteigne, Aberaeron were 4-2 home winners against Hay St Mary's and Churchoke saw off Builth Wells 2-0.

■ Llanrhaeadr kept their flag flying in the Montgomeryshire Cup after overcoming Dyffryn Banw 4-2 at Newtown's Latham Park, with man-of-the match Ben White scoring twice along

# Llanfair stun Druids to make Cup history

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**ANDREW Davies fired a hat-trick as Llanfair United shocked Cefn Druids to reach the quarter-finals of the Welsh Cup for the first time in their history with a stunning 4-1 fourth round win at the Mount Field.**

The Welsh Premier visitors had their backs to the wall after just five minutes when Rakim Newton was shown a red card for a lunge on advancing keeper Chris Brown.

Although the Ancients took the lead, Llanfair stormed back to seal their place in the last eight, with Davies firing a hat-trick and sub Alan Hughes heading the other. They now host Cymru Alliance rivals Caernarfon Town in the next round at the end of February.

Boss Rhys Stephens savoured a memorable day, saying: "It was a proud day for everyone at club, a lot of hard work has gone in behind the scenes to get us into this position

"Everything fell into place and I felt that if we upped our game a little bit in the second half then we could win."

The Druids - 2012 beaten finalists - made a dreadful start with Newton shown a straight red card for a wild two footed lunge on Brown.

However, the visitors put that behind them as they took a 22nd minute lead when Jordan Harper broke through, his shot was parried, but ex-Newtown striker Steve Blenkinsop followed to fire in the loose ball.

That lead was not to last long as Llanfair were back on terms on 34 minutes from their first real attack courtesy of James Davies after failing to clear their lines.

With the hosts growing in confidence, Andrew Hughes went close to a second before the break when dragging his shot wide after carving a clear opening.

### Hat-trick

Llanfair upped their game after the break, with Davies putting the Cymru Alliance hosts in front 13 seconds into the second period when tapping in after Andrew Hughes squared from the left following a fine crossfield pass by Joe Vaughan,

It was three just before the hour as Davies nodded across for substitute Alan Hughes to head in after his initial shot had been saved.

Victory was sealed eight minutes from time when Davies completed his hat-trick when heading home Andrew Hughes' cross.

Druids boss Huw Griffiths had no complaints, although he felt his side should have been ahead at half time.

"In the first half, we were the better side, even with 10 men, but we were punished for not taking our chances," he said.

"We dominated the first 30 minutes, but they scored with their first real attack. In the second half, though, they were the better side and fully deserved their win and I wish them well in the next round.

"Once they got their second goal straight after half time, it gave them a big lift, and a few of our heads dropped in the second half.

"It did not help having a man down so early, but he's a young lad and will learn."

■ Caerswys were held 1-1 at Holywell Town in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance despite having enough opportunities to return with maximum points.



James Davies (right) celebrates with Andrew Hughes after his second goal gives Llanfair United the lead against Cefn Druids and (below) Ryan Davies ensures there's no way through in United's 4-1 win



They held the upper hand for much of the half and went ahead on 40 minutes when a home defender could only nod adack Hughes cross into the path of Mark Griffiths who fired in from eight yards.

Sean Evans shot over when well placed and Mike Collister went close with a header, but Holywell were

back on terms 10 minutes from time as Graeme Williams fired home following a through ball by Paul Williams. But the Bluebirds could have snatched it late on, Collister heading onto the roof of the net while Will Thomas could only mis-kick straight at the keeper with the goal beckoning.

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

was very pleasing win."

Llanelli, once one of the big guns in the Welsh Premier, had arrived on the back of a good run of form that saw them soar to the top of the Welsh League division two.

But they were soon on the back foot, and survived an early scare when the lively Quigley fired wide with just keeper Craig Morris to beat.

The striker, however, made no mistake in the 11th minute when heading past Morris, before doubling the advantage three minutes later with another neat finish from inside the box.

Sergeant was denied by a smart save from Morris as TNS continued to dominate, while Cieslewicz twice threatened from outside the box.

Against the run of play, the hosts were given a warning when Jordan Follows forced a good save from keeper Paul Harrison.

But the Saints looked a threat every time they ventured forward, and extended their advantage on 34 minutes as Jamie Mullan left the defence in his wake with a speedy break down the right before

firing past Morris.

Aeron Edwards flicked just over with an effort, but Llanelli continued to battle despite facing an uphill battle to quell the Saints' enterprise.

Although Harrison was forced into another save to preserve the three-goal cushion, victory was effectively wrapped up when Quigley completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot on 63 minutes after Mullan had been brought down in the box. Cieslewicz curled in No 5 on 72 minutes, while Quigley went close to adding to his haul on several occasions, first rattling the bar, before curling another effort just wide while heading past the post from an inviting Seargeant cross.

A sixth goal did arrive on 84 minutes when Ryan Brobbel found fellow substitute Spender to smash his shot past Morris, before the Saints completed a comfortable win when Quigley bagged his fourth and his side's seventh goal in the last minute.

■ The Saints have signed Sam Ashworth, 17, from Huws Gray Alliance club Caernarfon Town. He was recently selected for the Wales Academy under-18 squad.

**Quarter-final draw:** Llanfair Utd v Caernarfon Town, Guilsfield v Bala Town, The New Saints v Bangor City, Prestatyn v Gap Connahs Quay. Ties to be played on 25/26 February.

## Waterloo move up to second spot after big win

WATERLOO Rovers moved up to second in the Montgomeryshire League division one with a 4-3 win over close rivals Llanfyllin Town.

Tom Ellis scored twice, with Scott Holly (penalty) and Luke Evans also on target, with Llanfyllin now slipping down to third after the reverse.

High fliers MEIFOD are now six points clear at the top after running out 3-2 winners at home to **GUILDSFIELD RESERVES**, but they have played two more games than Waterloo.

Charlie Proctor netted twice for promotion chasing Trevern United in the 5-0 win over Carno Reserves in division two, with Kieran Owen and Scott Beddoes also on the mark.

Trewern are second, three points adrift of Bishop's Castle who cemented their place at the top with their 6-2 success at Llangedwyn.

**Montgomeryshire League results**  
Division one: Llanymynech v Morda United (post), Meifod 3 Guilsfield Res 2, Waterloo Rovers 4 Llanfyllin Town 3.

Division two: Abermule Reserves v Llanfechain (aban), Llangedwyn 2 Bishop's Castle 6, Trefonen 9 Waterloo Rovers Res 1, Trevern United 4 Carno Res 0, Welshpool Town Res 1 Newtown Wanderers 5.

■ Llanidloes Town Reserves recorded a significant 5-1 victory at Brecon Northcote to move second in the Watson Financial Mid Wales League (South).

### Penalty

Dylan Howells, Francis Barr, Conrad Galloway, Adrian Foulkes and Liam Fletched netted for The Daffs with Craig Evans scoring for Northcote who saw Joel Evans miss an early penalty.

Llanidloes are now two points behind leaders, Talgarth Town with a game in hand.

Presteigne Reserves rekindled their title challenge with Tom Crichton, Gareth Bull and Ryan Stokes contributing to a 3-0 success at Penybont Reserves but Hay St Marys Reserves and Knighton Town Reserves dropped valuable points.

Hay, who can go top if they win games in hand, slipped onto a 2-1 reversal at lowly Llandrinod Wells Reserves. Will Ratcliffe got the Saints' goal but Steve Fuller and Ryan Sims won it for the Spa men.

Knighton were held 3-3 in the border derby at Newcastle with Jamie Blythe, Sam Hoyle and Jack Brindley netting for The Robins while Craig Morris (2) and Tom Bright were on target for Newcastle.

## Clarke in the MCC team for curtain-raiser

FORMER Shropshire batsman Joe Clarke will represent Marylebone Cricket Club in March's Champion County clash with Middlesex, the traditional curtain-raiser to the cricket season.

Worcestershire ace Clarke is part of a young MCC side that will take on the county champions in the annual day-night four-day clash in Abu Dhabi. His New Road team-mate Ben Cox, plus England internationals Haseeb Hameed and Ben Duckett, are also in the XI.

MCC head of cricket John Stephenson said: "Having worked closely with the England selectors to assemble this group, I am very pleased with the fantastic talent we have at our disposal.

"Haseeb Hameed, Joe Clarke and Ben Duckett are three of the most exciting young batsmen in the country at the moment."

Hameed, currently working his way back to full fitness following a broken finger sustained in India, and Duckett also play for England Lions on the tour of Sri Lanka over the next couple of months.

Skipped by Kent's Sam North-east, the MCC team includes Lions Tom Alsop and Lewis Gregory. Worcestershire wicketkeeper Ben Cox, Kent all-rounder Matt Coles, Yorkshire seamer Matt Fisher and Hampshire leg-spinner Mason Crane make up the XI.

## TNS Ladies are beaten by Wolves

TNS ladies were edged out 1-0 at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers Women as they lost ground on the leading pack in the FA Women's Premier League Midlands division one north.

Lying fourth, they are now five points behind Wolves who have played four fewer games, and they are six points adrift of second placed Sporting Khalsa.

## Lights out as shooters are hit by power cut

HIGH-FLIERS Churchstoke were left in the dark when their home encounter against Crew Green A in the Montgomeryshire and District Airgun League was abandoned due to a power cut in the area.

With the lights going out for their rivals, joint leaders Arddleen and Guilsfield both capitalised by winning their games to gain a points advantage.

Arddleen were away at Crew Green B, and the superb consistency that they are currently shooting proved too strong for the home side in what proved to be the match of the week.

The title chasers came out on top 203 to 196.7, with Martin Pearce shooting a possible 35.5.

Guilsfield A were also in fine form when they travelled to Llanfair where they ran out comfortable winners 203.1 to 189.9.

### Maximum

The Llanfair team, struggling for form, could not match the superb shooting by the away side with two of their shooters, Paul Phillips (35.6) and Roger Knight (35.5) getting possibles.

Being only .1 away from a maximum, and that was only the faintest of nicks, Phillips was the player of the week.

The only other match to take place was Guilsfield B against Castle at the School House in Guilsfield.

The home side took full advantage of an off-night suffered by the Castle team to take the tie 199.7 to 193.2, which means they have now leapfrogged their visitors in the table by climbing up to fourth place.

## Bowlers get ready for big doubles date

THE wraps are off Sinclair's traditional early season open competition, the Tom & John Candlin Memorial Doubles.

It will be played as a one-dayer on Sunday, April 9, with £360 prize money if all 32 places are filled.

Qualifying sessions are at 10 and 11am plus 2 and 3pm, with the last eight pairs to contest the finals from 6pm, the winners to share £150.

Entry costs £10, bookings to Sturat Church on 07877-857721.

### BOWLS DIARY

**£4,450 Coors Meole Brace Open**, men only for **£1,000 first prize** - 256 places filling fast, qualifying on Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19 and 25-26, sessions 10.15am through to 2.45pm with practice beforehand. Last 16 for finals day on Sunday, April 2 (11.30am start), the last 17 winners having qualified for the Champion of Champions. Entry £15, losers in qualifying ties will get entry fee back, £50 for best senior citizen. Book with Barry Jennings on 01743-351155.

**£1,850 Maesbrook Care Homes Meole Brace Ladies Open** - with £500 to winner, depending on entries. Qualifying sessions with 128 places on Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, at 10 and 11am and 1.30 and 2.30pm, practice available beforehand. Last 16 for finals day on Sunday, July 2 (11am). Entry £10, book with Barry Jennings on 01743-351155, bowlers losing in the qualifying game will get entry fee back.

## Morda called off twice at the weekend

MORDA United's efforts to climb into the upper echelons of the Montgomeryshire League division one were twice thwarted, leaving the club with no game.

Their planned fixture away at Llanfair United reserves had to give way to the hosts' first team's rearranged Welsh Cup tie against Cefn Druids.

A replacement league game away to Llanymynech was then scheduled only to be postponed on Friday evening.

Morda are currently standing just in the top half of the league, but successes in games against teams currently above them could see them rise the table significantly.



COBRA scrum Bryn Davies makes a break in his side's hard-fought 28-12 defeat to Pwllheli (middle) prop Bryn Edwards prepares to hand off a tackler and (right) Cat Davies swoops on the loose ball for COBRA Ladies in their terrific 68-10 win over Whitchurch Ladies

# COBRA give high fliers real fright

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

**COBRA were left to reflect on what might have been following a gutsy 28-12 home loss to title chasing Pwllheli that kept them in the relegation zone in rugby's North Wales League division one.**

Earlier in the season, a depleted Meifod side had crashed to a hefty 100-point loss away to the Seaside, but were far more resilient in the return as they looked to put the record straight. They had led 12-0 early in the second half after dominating their high flying visitors, while they should have been further clear only to have a couple of tries contentiously disallowed.

Pwllheli then made the most of what chances came along as COBRA were left with little to show for their efforts following a stirring effort.

The defeat kept them in the bottom two, now three points adrift of Ruthin who picked up a bonus point in their slender 7-3 home loss to Bala.

Still looking for their first points of 2017, COBRA can take heart from that display as they embark on a must-win trip to rock bottom Abergele on Saturday, with their hosts lying 10 points below.

The Llanfair men were up for the battle against Pwllheli, with the forwards taking the game to their second placed visitors.

Bossing the early exchanges, they had an early touchdown harshly chalked off for "crossing", but went ahead when Owain Morris went over for an unconverted try from a driving maul.

Despite pressing, COBRA could not add to this score in the first half, with fly half Rhodri Jones off target with a couple of penalty kicks.

### Grounded

They also had a second try ruled out as the referee could not see whether the ball had been grounded over the line following a forward drive.

The Meifod men continued in similar vein after the break and, following a good break, forced a line out from which prop Bryn Edwards drove over, with Jones converting from wide out.

But they were disrupted with second row Lloyd Brghr harshly picking up a yellow card, and Pwllheli took advantage as they scored a couple of tries from forward drives to lead 14-12.

The visitors extended their advantage in fortuitous fashion when a speculative hack upheld stuck in the mud over the try line, and their fly half won the race to the ball.

A fourth converted try, and a bonus point, was secured in the dying moments, with the referee ruling the ball had been grounded under the posts despite a mass of bodies.

WELSHPOOL are also still chasing their first win of 2017 in the North Two East after going down 29-7 away to Powys rivals Newtown.

Victory earned Newtown a league double after their 47-8 win at Maesdyre earlier in the season,

## Morton girls storm to success



The Moreton Hall who won selection (from left): Eliza Kiel, Hattie Jones, Tia Barlow, Serena Grace, Flo Wade-Smith, Tara Beasley, Millie Home, Georgina Grace

EIGHT Moreton Hall girls have beaten fierce competition to secure a coveted place in the North Regional Lacrosse team.

The selection process was lengthy and difficult, with two separate trial dates and over 50 skilled youngsters from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire and Shropshire competing for their shared goal.

Moreton Hall girls showed their mettle in the trials, with eight pupils joining the North regional A

and B lacrosse squads, a staggering number as almost half of the A squad will be comprised of girls from the school near Oswestry.

In the A squad are 18-year-old Florence Wade-Smith (co-captain), Serena Grace 17, Tia Barlow 18, Tara Beasley 17, Millie Home and Georgina Grace (both 15) and Eliza Kiel 16, while 15-year-old Hattie Jones is in the B squad.

This is a fantastic achievement as, with this new accolade, these

girls are now one step closer to playing at a national level.

England is split into just three regions - North, South East and South West - and these three squads will compete to be crowned champion at the Regional tournament on March 18-19, hosted by the University of Warwick.

This recent success in Lacrosse is testament to dedicated coaches and talented students at Moreton Hall.

while the game also counted as Mid Wales Cup tie.

Pool battled hard, and the scoreline did not reflect their efforts in which they were competitive throughout, only to kick the cutting edge when it mattered.

The visitors had led with a try from No8 Ryan Goodwin, converted by fullback Tom Williams, but Newtown hit back to lead 10-7 at the break with a converted try through their forwards and a penalty.

Pool were reduced in numbers for the last 10 minutes of the first half when second row Sam Ward was yellow carded for persistent infringements.

Newtown extended their lead to 22-7 with a couple of touchdowns after the interval, but the visitors spend the last 12 minutes camped on their line, only to fail to take their opportunity.

Deep in injury time, with Pool pressing, the home side secured a fourth try and with it a bonus point following a breakaway.

As they look to get back to winning ways, Pool - who have picked up several injuries - now face a testing home clash with leaders Shotton Steel on Saturday.

# Slow start costly as Town slip to defeat

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

organised at half time and had four good chance in the second half."

Town, who have struggled to get points off the division's top teams despite a creditable campaign, made the worst possible start as they found themselves carved open inside a minute when the visitors worked their way to the byline before crossing for Lennon Whewell to slot home.

A second goal, a free header from David Flynn following a wide free kick, made it 2-0 on 14 minutes to leave the home side with plenty to do.

James McGrane added a third on the half hour, and despite an improved second half display from Town, a second goal from McGrane on 75 minutes sealed a comprehensive defeat.

In the second half, the Oswestry side had chances to reduce the arrears with Harrison Millington de-

nied when one-on-one with the keeper, while Jack Harris had a shot turned round the post from distance.

Brendon Price also went close, as did Alun Morris with a headed effort, while home keeper Richard Cowderoy had a far quieter second half.

However, the damage was done in the first half hour, and Town will want to bounce back on Saturday away to Chadderton who lie in the lower half of the table.

They are still without new signing Dan Tinsley, with the striker having played just a few minutes due to an ankle injury sustained on his debut.

■ FC Oswestry Town Reserves suffered more woe when crashing 8-0 at home to Stoke Heath to slump further in the Mercian Regional League division one.

But there were better fortunes for St Martins Village who won 3-1 at lowly Denso to move up to 10th, three points below Town.

## Comeback kings give Newport a big booster

NEWPORT chess club has become the home of the comeback kings with the acquisition of two valuable "returnees" to the game.

Tony Holdford, a strong player who stopped playing competitive chess some years ago, turned out, bizarrely enough, for Newport Juniors in their encounter with Division Two leaders Wellington A.

In his home debut - he had already played in an away tie for Newport C - he was up against Tiago Faustino, and joked during the game that he had played 24 moves without agreeing a draw. That was not to last long though, as he was soon offering a draw and although Faustino played on for a few moves, his king position was so weak that playing for a win would have been very risky and he agreed to split the point.

But Holdford has hardly been away from the game any time at all compared with the club's other old newcomer, Warren Lewis, who has been away for four decades.

Nat Paul of the Newport club said: "It's definitely great to see Tony back. He left chess originally because he had lost some motivation, well he's certainly got that back. It was a terrific result drawing with Tiago. Our other new returnee Warren is also looking good. I think it'll probably take the rest of the season for his match sharpness to return, but he certainly looks a very good player. If his past chess history of around 45 years ago is anything to go by, then he certainly will be."

Wellington A's win against Newport Juniors maintains their five point lead, with Shrewsbury B muscling into second place with a victory over Telford B, while Telford A drew against Telepost C.

### RESULTS

**Division Two** - Telford A 2.5, Telepost C 2.5; G Kolbusz 1, S Rooney 0; M Keady 1, G Shepherd 0; M Morrison 0.5, V Crean 0.5; R Szwa-jkun 0, C Micallef 1; A Jones 0, N Holmes 1.

**Telford B** 1.5, Shrewsbury B 3.5; S Tennant 0, M Best 1; R Thompson 0, G Ilesant 1; R Brown 1, M Smith 0; W Peck 0.5, P Kitchen 0.5; S Szwaikun 0, I Salter 1.

**Wellington A** 3, Newport Juniors 2; C Roberts 0.5, S Maydew 0.5; T Faustino 0.5, T Holdford 0.5; T Neal 1-0 E Xu; J Kuczyński 1, D Holmes 0; S Rhodes 0, Z Maydew 1.

**Division Three** - Oswestry B 0.5, Newport C 3.5; J Waller 0.5, D Lovegrove 0.5; D Kirachen 0, M Price 1; S Tulett 0, W Gormley 1; A Evans 0, M Moore 1.

## Latest golf returns from county clubs

### HENLE PARK

**Seniors' Bowmaker 388B:** G Bellis, A Edwards & R Blackburn 84pts; T Davies, C Andrews & M Jones 78pts; B Evans, J B Evans & G Wood 76pts.

**Individual Stableford Division 1:** P Hampson 39pts; R Powell 35pts. **Division 2:** J Jones 40pts; J Bostock 37pts.

### LEOMINSTER

**Three Man Stableford (best two scores):** J Braithwaite (19), C Maddox (24), G Stinton (21) 89pts; J Mee (5), B Morris (7), R Painter (6) 77pts; M Barrington (24), T Davies (18), K Gibbons (4) 75pts.

**Two's:** G Stinton & A Chambers. **Seniors' Captain's Charity Stableford:** D Botwood (14) 39pts (cb); J Lindsay (shot a gross score equal to his age) 39pts; M Clark (21) 37pts; K Room (15) 35pts. **Twos:** B Harris.

### OSWESTRY

**Sunday Morning Draw For Partners - Four Ball Better Ball Medal (15 Holes):** D Potts & G Wright 53; A Lewis & S Roberts 54; J Poole & N Suckley 55 (cb); P Richards & S Pierce 55 (cb).

### WREKIN

**Seniors' Winter Stableford 8 (15 Holes):** P Lewis 31/15; I Bullock 31/12; E Jones 31/20.

## Hockey ladies make a point

LOOKING to push up to mid-table, Oswestry ladies were held 1-1 at home to Knutsford Ladies in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League.

Lying fourth bottom, they are now away to Timperley Ladies Thirds on Saturday as they look to get back to winning ways.

Welsphool Ladies, occupying third spot in the North Wales Women's League division one, were edged out 2-1 at Powys rivals Newtown who have now moved five points above their visitors in second place.



## New Saints are back on league duty

WITH the quadruple still in their sights, The New Saints return to their defence of the Dafabet Welsh Premier in Saturday's home encounter with Cardiff Met University (2.30pm).

The unbeaten Saints have already wrapped up one piece of silverware this term when sweeping aside Barry Town United 4-0 to retain the Nathaniel MG Cup.

They reached the quarter-finals of the Welsh Cup with last weekend's 7-0 romp against Llanelli, while they visit St Mirren in the semi-finals of the IRN-BRU Cup later this month.

Now playing their first Welsh Premier game in three weeks, the high-fliers will look to maintain their relentless march towards another crown when Cardiff Met visit Park Hall in the first game since the league split.

TNS already have one hand on the trophy after forging a 21-point lead at the top - and need just 10 points from 10 games to guarantee a sixth successive title.

Boss Craig Harrison anticipates a test from the Met, who themselves were stung by their shock 4-2 Welsh Cup defeat at Guilsfield last Saturday.

"The quadruple is certainly something we are aiming for, we enter every competition to win it," he said.

"I want to win every game we play, and I have a like minded management team and group of players who are hungry for success."

TNS, meanwhile, have bolstered their squad by signing former Romanian under-21 centre-back Mihai Leca.

After playing as a junior with Steaua Bucharest, the 24-year-old started his senior career with Concordia China before having spells with Otetul Galati, Iraqi side Zakho FC and Brasov.

After their 4-0 loss to Litherland RE-MYCA, **FC OSWESTRY TOWN** bid to get back on track when they visit Chadderton in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one on Saturday.

## Llan looking to hit back in Cup clash

SHELLSHOCKED Llanrhaeadr will look to bounce back from a five goal mauling when they host Churchstoke in the fourth round of the Central Wales Cup on Saturday.

Hopes of making ground on he leading pack in the Spar Mid Wales League division one were dashed as Llan crashed 5-0 at home to Llandrindod Wells in one of their worst displays of the season. They will now look to put that behind them when they host Churchstoke, who play a division below, in the cup this Saturday.

Dan Kelly and Kieran Evans are both available after suspension for the home side, while Glenn Evans should return.

Holders Carno welcome Borth United while Llanidloes Town - who ended Berriew's 17-match unbeaten run with their third round win - are away to Dolgellau.

Llansantffraid Village, who saw off Newbridge 4-1 in the previous round, host Cymru Alliance side Caersws who were emphatic 9-1 winners against Aberystwyth University.

# HOME DRAWS FOR CUP ACES

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**AFTER pulling off shock victories, Llanfair United and Guilsfield are relishing the chance of claiming more Welsh Cup glory in the quarter-finals of the famous competition later this month.**

The clubs are already guaranteed £5,000 for reaching the last eight - and both have again been handed home ties as they look to continue their cup adventure.

A 4-1 passage against 10-man Cefn Druids took Llanfair into the quarter-finals for the first time in the club's history, Andrew Davies netting a hat-trick and Alan Hughes getting the other.

They now host Huws Gray Cymru Alliance rivals Caernarfon Town in the next round, while Guilsfield have been paired at home to Welsh Premier side Bala Town at Clos Mytton. Both ties will be played on Saturday, February 25.

The Guils also overcame Welsh Premier opposition last weekend as they put paid to Cardiff Met University 4-2, with all the goals coming in a frantic first half.

Ironically, the Welsh Cup giant killers play each other on Saturday, with the Guils making the short trip to the Mount Field as the teams chase much-needed points in the Cymru Alliance.

All the talk, however, centred on their Welsh Cup exploits this week, with both clubs landing a much needed boost for their coffers.

"It was a proud day for the club, a lot of hard work has gone in behind the scenes to get us into this position," said Llanfair manager Rhys Stephens.

### Massive moment

"It was a fantastic day, not just for the players, but for everyone involved with the club.

"Everything fell into place. After being 1-1 at half time, I felt that if we upped our game in the second half then we could win.

"We scored just 13 seconds into the second half which was a massive moment in the game, and we didn't look back after that.

"They had a couple of shots form outside the box and free kicks, but apart from that they did not threaten us. As well as digging in, we played some good football."

Stephens is happy with the draw against one of the Cymru Alliance big guns Caernarfon whom his side defeated 4-2 away earlier in the season.

"We did not want TNS away," he admitted. "Every game at this stage of the competition is going to be tough, and we will be the underdogs despite being at home.

"We did beat them on their ground in the league, which shows what we can do on our day. If we can play like we can, then we are in with a shout. We will give it a good go."

**GUILSFIELD** have been rewarded for their 4-2 success against Cardiff Met with a home tie against another Welsh Premier side Bala Town who are again chasing a place in the Europa

## Allen retires after 44 years



Allen Lewis (left) was presented with gifts from all members of Llanymynech Golf Club by Mike Shakeshaft, this year's captain. Picture: Ken Done.

IT was the end of an era as dedicated course manager Allen Lewis retired after 44 years' service at Llanymynech Golf Club.

Allen, from Oswestry, started work at club after leaving school and played an integral role in the development of the course over the years.

No mean golfer, his association with the club began when he used to play alongside 1991 Masters winner, Ian Woosnam.

In 2007, when playing in the club championship, he broke the course record when scoring 64 gross (nett 60) off a handicap of four, a record which still stands to this day.

On stepping down as course manager, a role he held for the last two decades, Allen was congratulated by club pro Andy Griffiths who also

has been at Llanymynech for over 40 years.

A club spokesman said: "We still look forward to seeing Allen around the course, enjoying his golf without worrying about the greens."

In his role as course manager, Allen helped to reconstruct all 18 holes during the three-year period from 1998-2001.

Four years back, he received his recognition for his dedication in the form of the club's new six-hole 'Allen Lewis Academy Course' which was named in his honour.

The Llanymynech course spans across England and Wales, giving golfers the chance to play their tee shot in one country and putt in another.

gave away two poor goals, but they also had a terrible day defensively and we went in at half time leading 4-2.

"We expected more from them. We were not great, but we worked hard to stifle them and kept them quiet in the second half."

Looking ahead to this weekend's trip to Llanfair in the league, Barton said.

"It's back to bread and butter, and we've now got three important league games before the next round."

## Berriew are staying cool in title race

MANAGER Dave Jones insists his Berriew side are under no pressure in the race for the Spar Mid Wales division one title.

The Rhiewsidiers currently lie second, three points behind leaders Rhayader Town, but with a game in hand, after last week's 4-2 win at Llanidloes Town.

With seven league games remaining, Jones, the former Welshpool Town boss, said his side have exceeded all expectations whatever the outcome.

"The race is still wide open, however there is no pressure on us," he said.

"Certainly Rhayader, and probably Carno, were expected to be challenging for and to win the league this season, and if they don't, it may be seen as a disappointment.

"Whereas we have just been promoted from the second division and a top six finish this season was the aim which has already all but been secured.

"Having said that, we have done exceptionally well so far this season, and have no intention at this stage of throwing the towel in.

"We are playing well, have a great team spirit and will take each game as it comes and see where that takes us. Plus in addition to the league title challenge, we are still in the league cup and Montgomeryshire Cup quarters finals."

With the Central Wales Cup taking centre stage this weekend, Berriew have no game before hosting Hay St Mary's in their next action the following Saturday.

Jones was delighted with the victory at Llanidloes, adding: "It was a fantastic win for us at a ground where we had lost twice this season in cup competitions."

Meanwhile, Will Pritchard's penalty earned Welshpool a valuable 1-1 draw at Bow Street as they battle to escape the drop zone.

In division two, leaders Kerry host Builth Wells on Saturday, while Dyffryn Banw and Abermule are both at home to Newbridge and Aberystwyth University.

## Eagles looking for lift-off at weekend

OSWESTRY'S rugby players suffered another barren day in the South Lancs and Cheshire One as their quest for a first win of the season continues.

The Granville Park side remain adrift at the foot of the table following a 15th defeat in 16 outings when being downed 51-0 at title chasing New Brighton.

It has been a tough campaign, with just a 15-15 home draw with Southport in mid-December to show for their efforts after stepping up a level this season.

Despite the results, performances have been improving, and Southport again provide the opposition this Saturday as the Eagles continue their search for a first win when they head to Merseyside.

Across the border, COBRA will hope to boost their push for safety in the North Wales League division one when they head to rock bottom Abergelle on Saturday.

Like COBRA, Welshpool are also still seeking their first win of 2017 in the North Two East after going down 29-7 away to Powys rivals Newtown.

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